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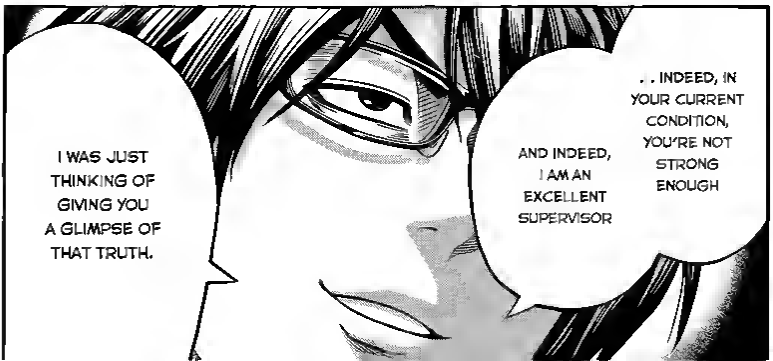
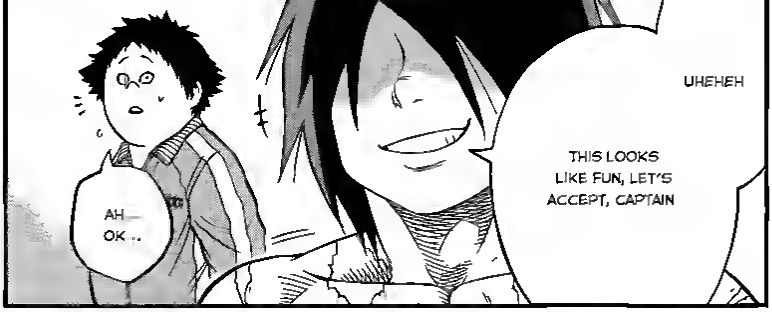
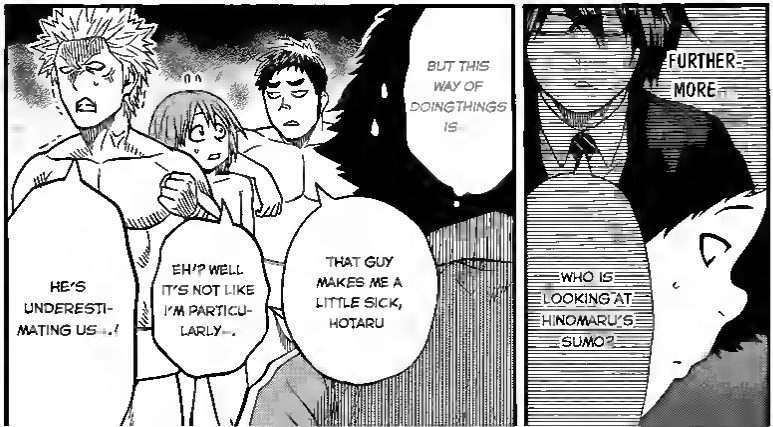

I WAS JUST THINKING OF GIVING YOU A GLIMPSE OF THAT TRUTH.
AND INDEED, I AM AN EXCELLENT SUPERVISOR
. . INDEED, IN YOUR CURRENT CONDITION, YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH


UHEHEH
THIS LOOKS LIKE FUN, LET'S ACCEPT, CAPTAIN
AH... OK ..

A COACH HUH .
WELL IT'S TRUE THAT
IS NONE OTHER THAN USHIO
RIGHT NOW, THE ONE DECIDING OUR TRAINING EXERCISES, GUIDING US AND DECIDING THE ORDER IN WHICH WE APPEAR IN THE MATCHES.

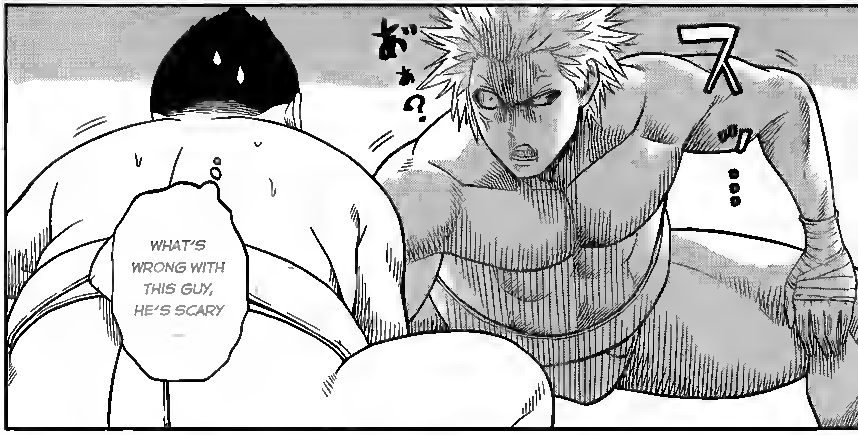

BUT THIS WAY OF DOINGTHINGS IS...
THAT GUY MAKES ME A LITTLE SICK, HOTARU
EH!? WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I'M PARTICU-LARLY...
HE'S UNDERESTI-MATING US...!
FURTHER-MORE...
WHO IS LOOKING AT HINOMARU'S SUMO?

THIS IS THE CHANCE TO EMPTY OUR TEACHER'S WALLET.
YOU KNOW, IT'S RARE FOR SUCH A STINGY TEACHER TO TREAT US...
SURE, WE'LL GO GOT REVOLVING SUSHI
TEACHER! IT'S A PROMISE, ALRIGHT?
IF WE WIN YOU'LL BUY US AS MUCH SUSHI AS WE WANT!

SFX: IRRITATED
.....
THAT WAY, YOU'LL WIN EASILY.
DO IT JUST AS I TOLD YOU

IF WE WIN WE'LL MAKE YOU OUR CLUB MANAGER AND MAKE YOU CLEAN ALL OUR DIRTY CLOTHS!
AS IF WE'D LISTEN TO THE STUPID TALK OF SOME FRESHMEN COACH!
... STOP JOKING!

AH .. THAT'S YUUMA
BOW!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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GUY, HE'S SCARY

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PUAH!!
WHAT THE HELL!
YOU ARE JUST TALK!
THERE!!

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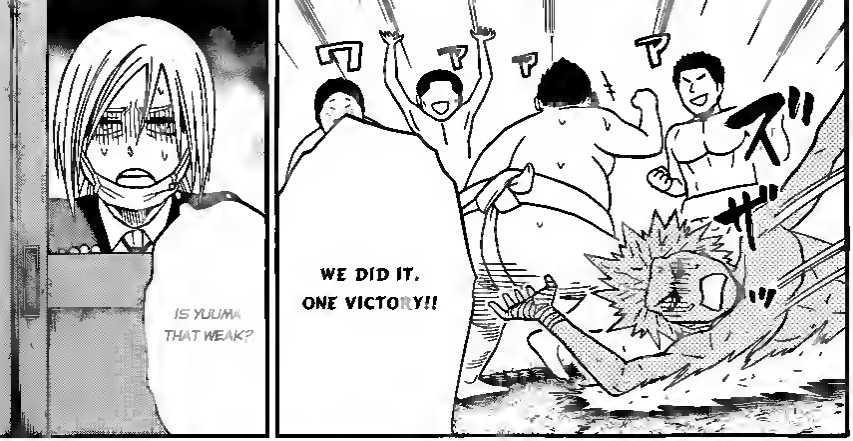
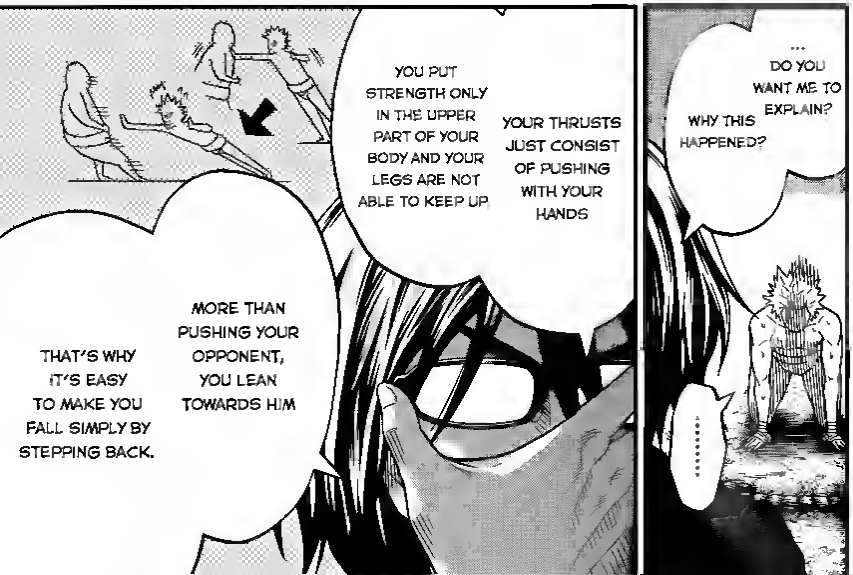

IS YUUMA THAT WEAK?
WE DID IT. ONE VICTORY!!

PUT BOTH OF HIS LEGS TOGETHER...
— HE WAS AIMING FOR THE MOMENT YUUMA-SAN .
THERE!!


YOU PUT STRENGTH ONLY IN THE UPPER PART OF YOUR BODY AND YOUR LEGS ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP
YOUR THRUSTS JUST CONSIST OF PUSHING WITH YOUR HANDS
MORE THAN PUSHING YOUR OPPONENT, YOU LEAN TOWARDS HIM
THAT'S WHY IT'S EASY TO MAKE YOU FALL SIMPLY BY STEPPING BACK.
...
DO YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN?
WHY THIS HAPPENED?
.....

WELL... IN YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT YOU COULD WIN BECAUSE YOU WERE LUCKY NOT TO HAVE ENCOUNTERED AN OPPONENT WHO WOULD FALL BACK
AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SOMEONE HAS GATHERED DATA ON YOU.
WHA...
THAT'S ALL!
THAT IDIOT (HINOMARU) WOULD NEVER FALL BACK AFTER ALL.
AND YOUR SPARRING PARTNER IS ALSO BAD
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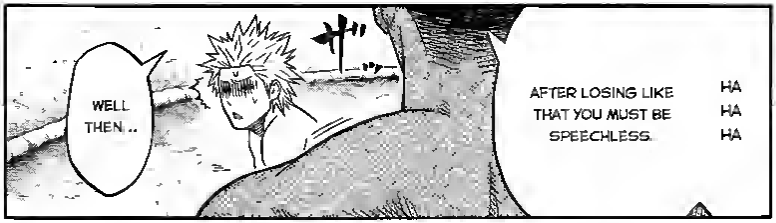
WELL THEN..
AFTER LOSING LIKE THAT YOU MUST BE SPEECHLESS.
HA HA HA

SFX: COME ON!
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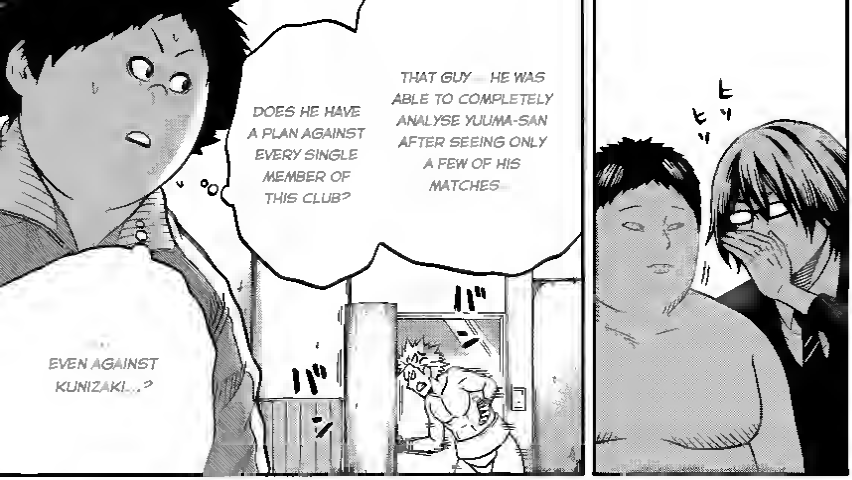
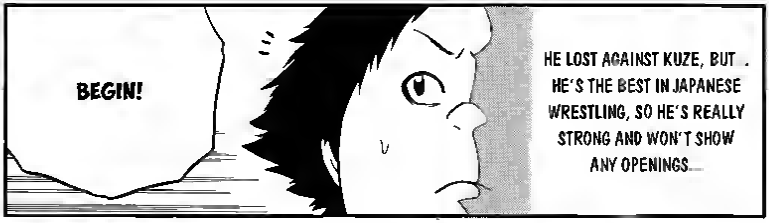
PROFESSOR?
WHAT WILL YOU SHOW ME NOW
PROFESSOR?


EVEN AGAINST KUNIZAKI...?
DOES HE HAVE A PLAN AGAINST EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THIS CLUB?
THAT GUY... HE WAS ABLE TO COMPLETELY ANALYSE YUUMA-SAN AFTER SEEING ONLY A FEW OF HIS MATCHES...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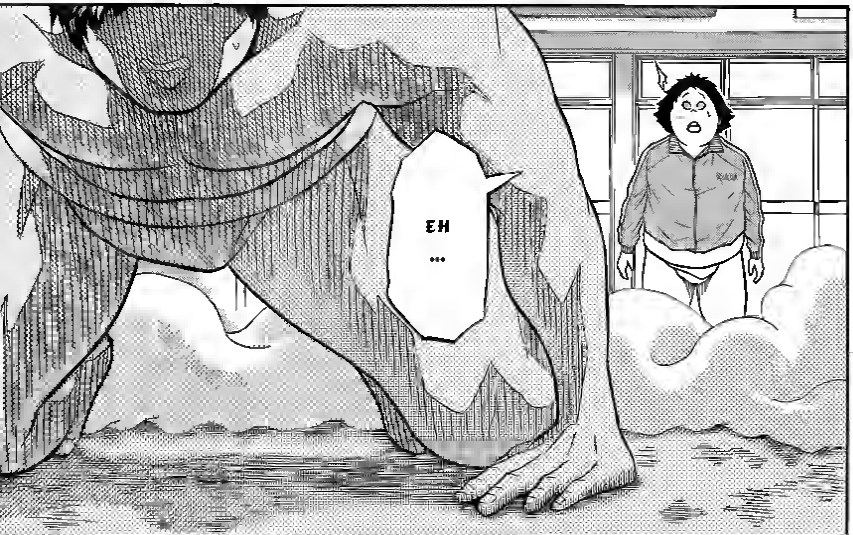
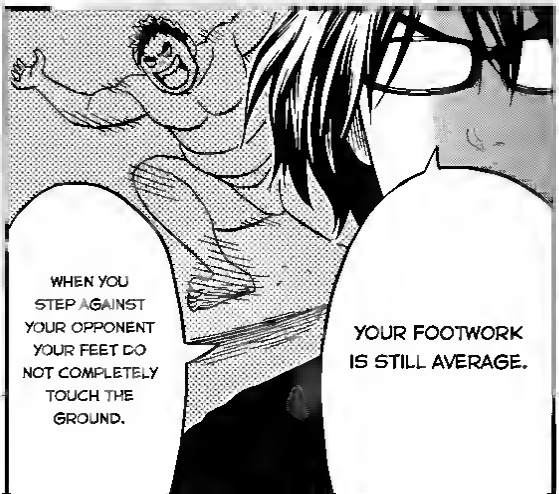
HE LOST AGAINST KUZE, BUT... HE'S THE BEST IN JAPANESE WRESTLING, SO HE'S REALLY STRONG AND WON'T SHOW ANY OPENINGS...


EH...

TLN: PULLING INSIDE ANKLE SWEEP



Unconcerned...
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OK
THAT'S ALL.
YOU CANNOT FIGHT WELL UNTIL YOU LEARN THE "SUMO'S SLIDING FEET TECHNIQUES" THAT USE THE ENTIRE SOLE OF YOUR BARE FEET.
THIS IS DUE TO THE LONG TIME YOU FOUGHT ON THE MAT WITH SHOES.
THEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN.
. . IF HIS DATA IS ONLY BASED ON YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT
EEEH!?
WIN! OOZEKI!
I CAN'T STAND IT IF THINGS END UP JUST LIKE HE WANTS!
...
HIS ANALYSIS POWER IS DEFINITELY GREAT...
BUT
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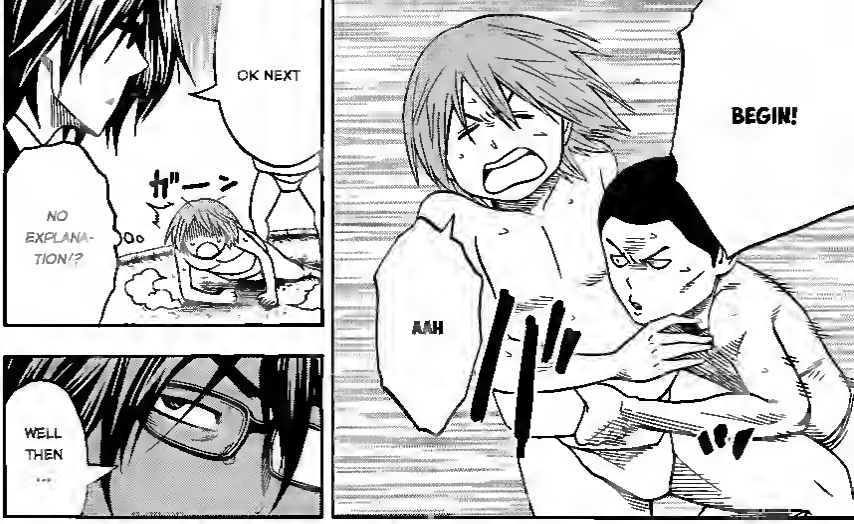
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T ENTER ANY MATCHES YESTERDAY...!
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY DATA ON YOU


OK NEXT
NO EXPLANATION!?
BEGIN!
AAH
WELL THEN ...

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BEGIN!!

I-I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAR SOMETHING OF THIS LEVEL...
NO NO, NOT THERE!
AIM FOR THE ANKLE!
HE GRABBED MY LEG!?
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THE LEGS AND LOINS OF THIS GUY ARE STRONG AFTER ALL...
OK!! FOUR CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES!!
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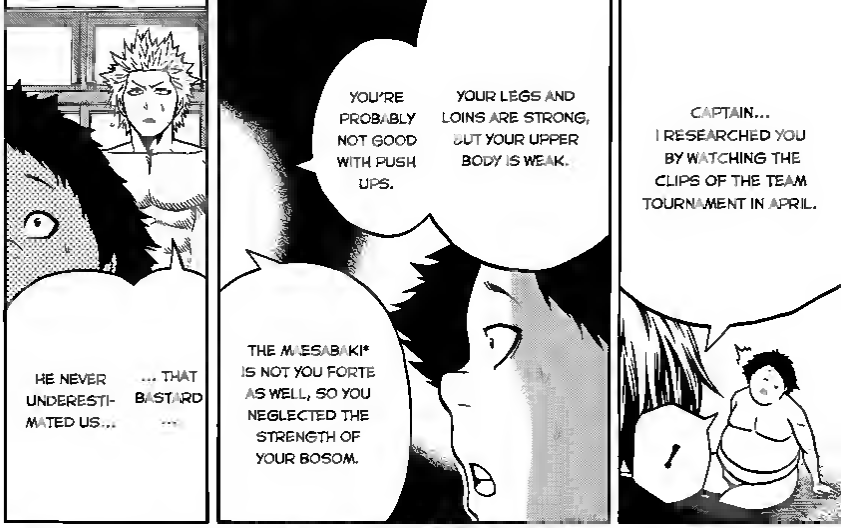
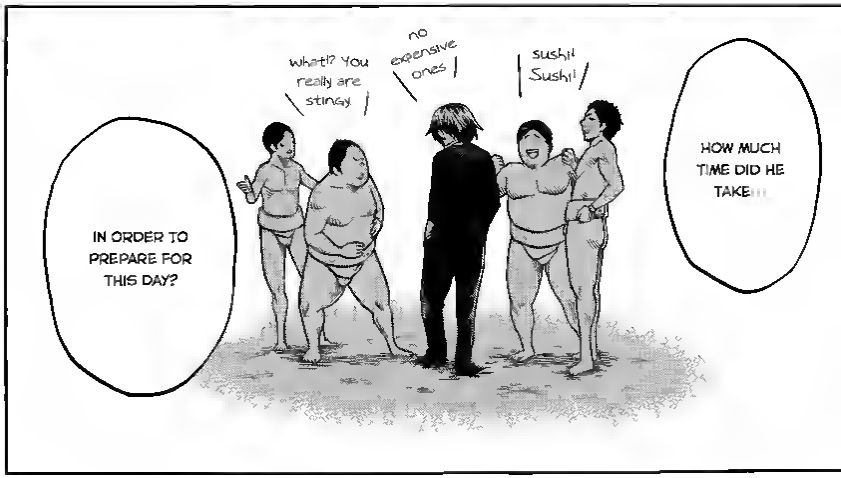
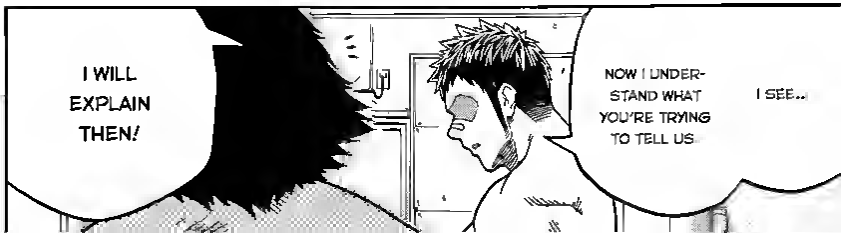
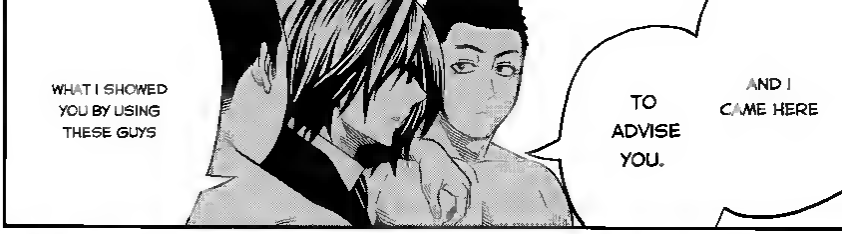

CAPTAIN... I RESEARCHED YOU BY WATCHING THE CLIPS OF THE TEAM TOURNAMENT IN APRIL.
!
YOUR LEGS AND LOINS ARE STRONG, BUT YOUR UPPER BODY IS WEAK.
YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT GOOD WITH PUSH UPS.
THE MUSABARI* IS NOT YOU FORTE AS WELL, SO YOU NEGLECTED THE STRENGTH OF YOUR BOSOM.
... THAT BASTARD ...
HE NEVER UNDERESTIMATED US...

T.N. BATTLING TO KNOCK AWAY THE HANDS OF ONE'S OPPONENT, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION\\





HEY, SAY SOMETHING!
THAT'S RIGHT, WHAT WE LACK NOW IS THAT!! "RESOURCEFULNESS"!!
GATHER INFORMATION ON YOUR OPPONENT AND EXPLOIT HIS WEAK POINTS TO WIN!
JUST LIKE YOU DID WITH US!
DO NOT HAVE ANY EVIDENT WEAK POINTS LIKE YOU.
. I'M SORRY BUT THE STRONGEST ATHLETES IN THE COUNTRY
WOULD HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE PASSING THE PREFECTURE PRELIMINARY MATCHES AGAINST OPPONENTS SUCH AS ISHIGAMI HIGH.
A GROUP OF NEWCOMERS SUCH A YOURSELVES WHO HAVE TRAINED RANDOMLY FOR JUST A FEW MONTHS
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU ARE STILL NOVICE SUMO WRESTLERS...
BUT THEIR LEVEL OF PERFECTION IS ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SCALE!


WHAT I SHOWED YOU BY USING THESE GUYS
TO ADVISE YOU.
AND I CAME HERE

WAS NOT YOUR WEAK POINTS
BUT POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT!
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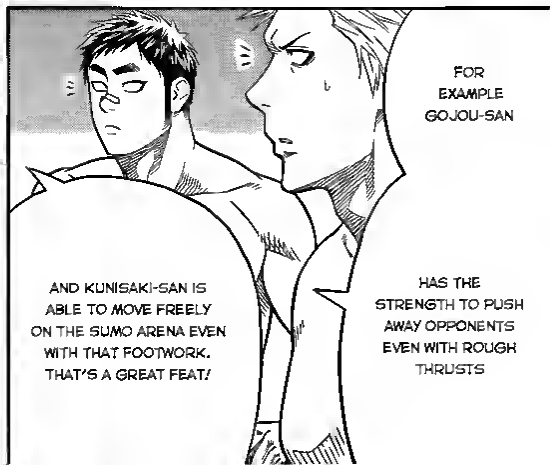
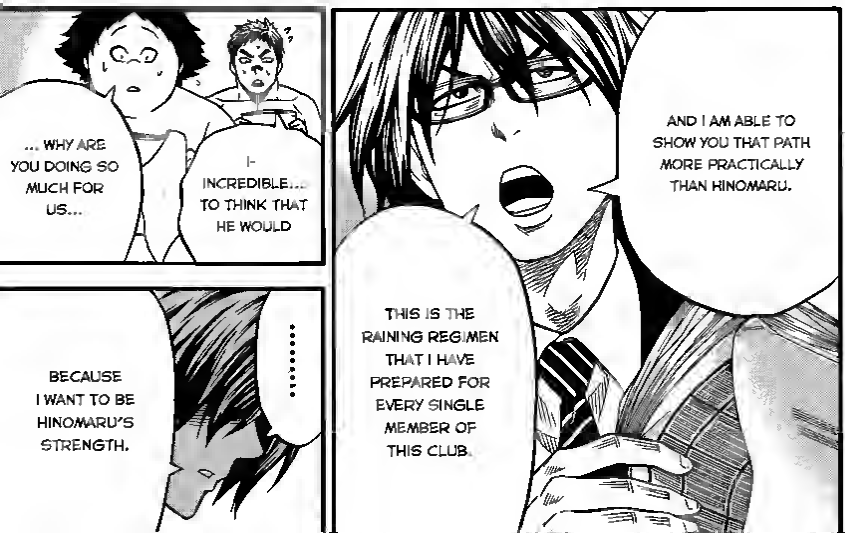
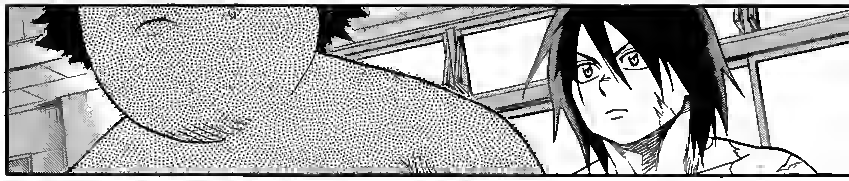
THOSE WEAPONS THAT YOU ARE ALREADY ABLE TO USE.
IN THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT I WILL THOROUGHLY POLISH


AND KUNISAKI-SAN IS ABLE TO MOVE FREELY ON THE SUMO ARENA EVEN WITH THAT FOOTWORK. THAT'S A GREAT FEAT!
FOR EXAMPLE GOJOU-SAN
HAS THE STRENGTH TO PUSH AWAY OPPONENTS EVEN WITH ROUGH THRUSTS

EVEN IF YOU WILL BE INCOMPLETE AS SUMO WRESTLERS
THAT ONE THING WILL BE ENOUGH... TO WIN ON A NATIONAL LEVEL...
YOU WILL BECOME HONED WRESTLERS WITH SPECIALISED INDIVIDUAL TALENTS!


... WHY ARE YOU DOING SO MUCH FOR US...
I- INCREDIBLE... TO THINK THAT HE WOULD
AND I AM ABLE TO SHOW YOU THAT PATH MORE PRACTICALLY THAN HINOMARU.
THIS IS THE RAINING REGIMEN THAT I HAVE PREPARED FOR EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THIS CLUB.
.....
BECAUSE I WANT TO BE HINOMARU'S STRENGTH.

I WANT TO HELP HINOMARU
AND DACHI HIGH TO BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN
ALLOW ME TO ASSIST YOU... PLEASE!



... STOP THAT
I FEEL PISSED BUT YOU HAVE TRUE SKILLS.
YOU SEEM SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
SO WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.
YEAH... AND MORE IMPORTANTLY
THIS WILL ALSO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON USHIO'S SHOULDERS.

YOU HAVE GOOD COMRADES, HINOMARU...
WELL THEN... THE TIME HAS COME...
TO SHOW HINOMARU WHERE HE CAN IMPROVE AS WELL...
TSUJI!
WE SHOULD BE THE ONES BOWING!
WE ARE IN YOUR HANDS!
COME HINOMARU
A WRESTLER'S ACTIONS ON THE ARENA ARE WORTH THOUSANDS OF WORDS! WHAT IS THE AREA WHERE HINOMARU CAN IMPROVE...!?
LET'S BEGIN THE LAST MATCH!
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I WILL POLISH ONIMARU

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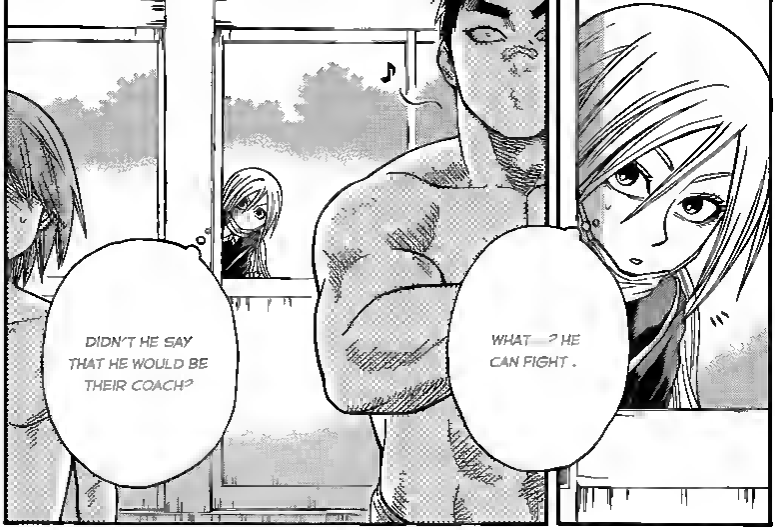
Round 36: TO IMPROVE THE OTHERS

I WILL SHOW YOU A WAY TO IMPROVE YOURSELF! HIS OLD FRIEND STEPS IN THE RING..!!


DIDN'T HE SAY THAT HE WOULD BE THEIR COACH?
WHAT—? HE CAN FIGHT.

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WASN'T HE A LITTLE HUMBLE WHEN HE SAID "DON'T EXPECT MUCH FROM ME AS AN ATHLETE"?
—— HE'S NOT THAT RIPPED, BUT HE HAS GOOD MUSCLES

YOU WERE TOGETHER IN THE SUMO CLUB DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIGHT?
SO USHIO
WHAT IS TSUJI'S REAL STRENGTH...?
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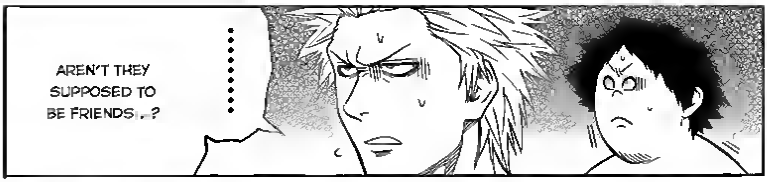
AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE FRIENDS...?

...ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, KIRITO?
I DON'T HOLD BACK WHEN I STEP INTO THE RING, YOU KNOW.
... I MAY BE SOMEONE WHO TALKS TOO MUCH
BUT YOU'RE ALSO WASTING YOUR BREATH.

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, GENERAL OF THE LOSERS?
YOU'D BEST LEAVE YOUR NONSENSE OUTSIDE BEFORE YOU ENTER THE RING.

BEFORE WE BEGIN, I SHOULD TELL YOU. I WILL NOT CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF MY CHARGE.
IT WILL BE A STRAIGHT UP DUEL.
OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONVEY TO YOU WHAT I WANT.
.....
I WONDER WHAT OTHER WAY THERE IS TO IMPROVE USHIO'S SUMO...
THE ONLY THING HE LACKS IS HEIGHT...
!
THAT'S...

TLN: IT IS A TYPE OF SPIDER

OUR TEACHER FIGHT FOR REAL...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE GETTING TO SEE...
WOW...
WILL HE REALLY BE ABLE TO STAND IN THAT POSITION?
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOW STARTING STANCE...

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COME AT ME...!
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BEGIN!!

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SO FAST!!

HE IS... NOT JUST AN AVERAGE WRESTLER!
THAT CHARGE NEEDS A REALLY DIFFICULT CONSTANT FORWARD MOVEMENT ON YOUR FEET...
HE CHARGES FROM AN EXTREMELY LOW POSITION THEN PUSHES UP TO GET TO HIS OPPONENT'S BOSOM...!
THE INITIAL CHARGE WAS WON BY TSUJI!
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URAAAH!!
HE'S GOT INCREDIBLE POWER!
HE FORCIBLY PUSHED HIM AWAY WITH A THRUST TO THE THROAT!
THIS IS BAD!
HE S TURNED THE TABLES IN ONE GO!!

SO THIS IS THE YOKOZUNA SUMO
SO HEAVY
YOU WERE AIMING AT HUH
HEY, ARE YOU STILL EATING...?
THAT IS WHAT YOU CALL YOKOZUNA SUMO DAMMIT!!
HEY DID YOU WATCH YESTERDAY'S CONCLUSION OF THE MATCH!!?
YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME...
'S START TOGETHER! ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUMO TOURNAMENT
uwah! Hey don't throw it!
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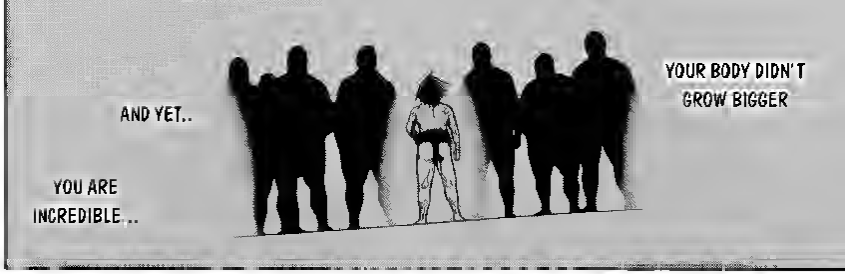
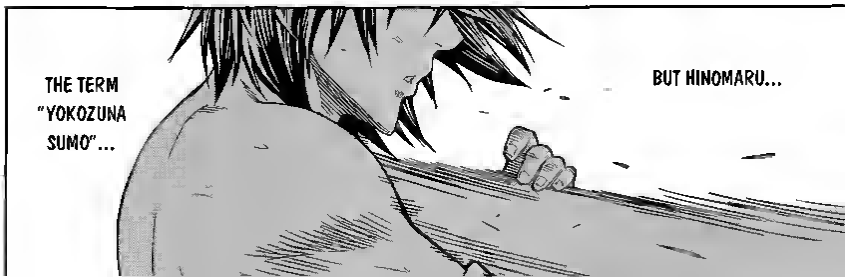
BUT IN THE END...
FINALLY REALIZE MY YOKOZUNA SUMO
AND THEN
YEAH SURE, I HAVE TO BECOME BIGGER


AND YET..
YOUR BODY DIDN'T GROW BIGGER
YOU ARE INCREDIBLE ..

BY PUSHING TO THE UTMOST LIMIT THE "SPIRIT" AND "BODY" OF YOUR SUMO.
YOU REALLY SEEM LIKE A GREAT YOKOZUNA...!!


THE TERM "YOKOZUNA SUMO"...
BUT HINOMARU...

CAN ONLY REFER TO VICTORS!!
HE PULLED HINOMARU IN AND SWITCHED THEIR POSITIONS!!
HINOMARU IS IN A TIGHT SPOT NOW...
.....!
THAT BASTARD, HIS TECHNIQUE IS SOMETHING ELSE...!
THE STRENGTH IN SUMO IS COMPOSED OF "SPIRIT, TECHNIQUE, BODY".

THE THING YOU STILL LACK IS
THEREFORE, IF YOU COULDN'T WIN, THAT MEANS...
BUT YOUR "SPIRIT" AND "BODY" ARE AT THE UPPER LIMIT...

"TECHNIQUE"

WHAT I WANT TO DO IS TO TAKE YOUR YOKOZUNA SUMO AND...
OR POLISHING YOUR CURRENT MOVES.
IMPROVING YOUR TRICKS
BUT THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF
I EXPECT THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY NOTICED IT...
...YET

SFX BASICALLY THEY ARE GRABBING EACH OTHER AND THEIR ARMS ARE INTERTWINED LIKE THE SHAPE OF 4 WE CAN CALL IT "FIGURE 4 ARM LOCK"

A TECHNIQUE THAT COMBINES THE "THROW" AND "SPIN" MOTIONS
THE HYAKKI NAGI

I THREW AT YOU DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHEN YOU CLASHED AGAINST THE LIMITS OF YOUR OWN BODY.
NOW I'M REGRETTING THEM.
— THOSE WORDS
...!!

THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHICH... YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE REWARDED...
... RIGHT NOW HE...
IS PUTTING MUCH MORE EFFORT THAN ANYONE ELSE OUT THERE IN HIS TRAINING...
AND YET THE ONLY THING I COULD DO WAS TO SAY THOSE SHITTY WORDS TO HIM...!!
I WILL NOT SAY SUCH THINGS ANYMORE! I HAVE FINALLY REALIZED! A WAY TO REWARD YOUR EFFORTS!
I WILL NOT MAKE THEM GO TO WASTE!
WHA...
TSUJI IS...

YOUR SUMO, THAT HAS BEEN DEFEATED BY KUSANAGI...
I WILL USE MY HANDS
TO MAKE IT SOMETHING OF THE PAST!!
TO MAKE ONIMARU INTO A NEW "DEMON"!!
USING A COMPOSITE MOVE, JUST LIKE USHIO!
HYAKKI NAGI'S...
COUNTERPART!!
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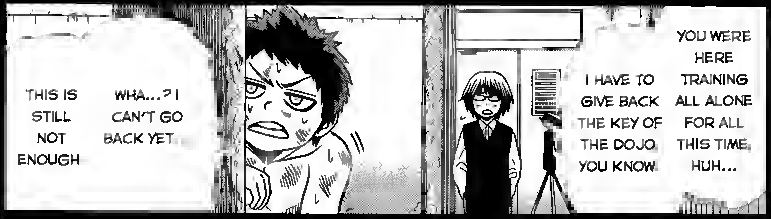
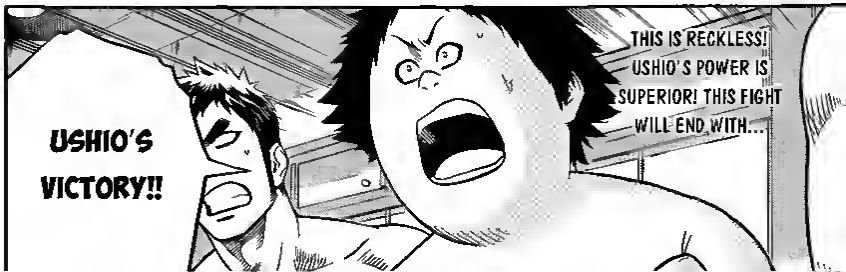
「火ノ丸相撲」
THEIR STORY WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER
?
IS THERE STILL SOME-ONE HERE?
HEY! HINOMARU!?
HEH?
AH... I FELL ASLEEP

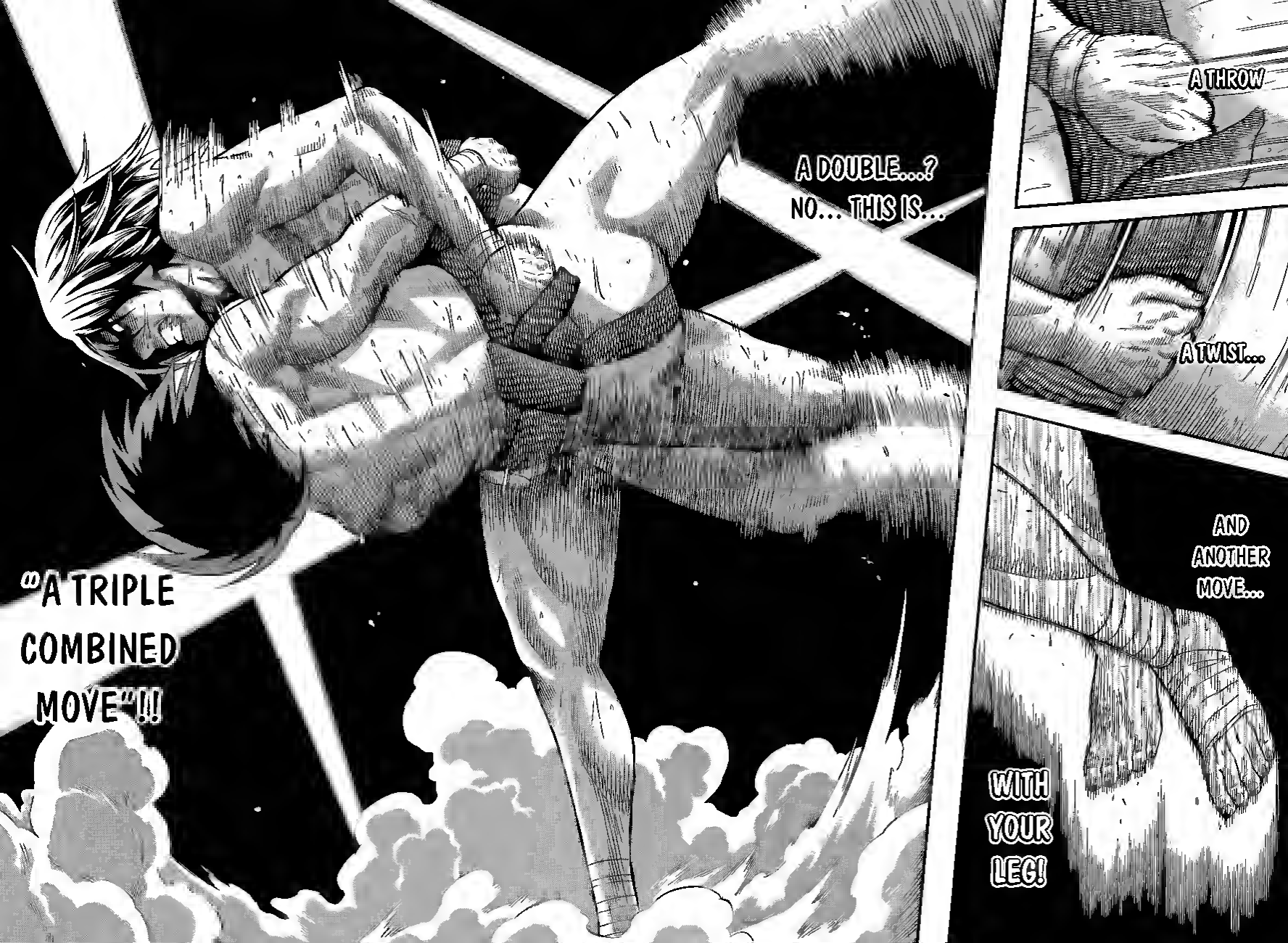

YOU WERE HERE TRAINING ALL ALONE FOR ALL THIS TIME, HUH...
I HAVE TO GIVE BACK THE KEY OF THE DOJO, YOU KNOW.
WHA...? I CAN'T GO BACK YET...
THIS IS STILL NOT ENOUGH

I CAN FEEL IT... THAT I'M BECOMING STRONGER WITH EACH DAY...
UHEHEH! I'M SURE THAT AT THE END OF THIS ROAD THERE IS
THE STRENGTH OF THE YOKOZUNA...!
HEY KIRITO! KEEP ME COMPANY IF YOU'RE FREE!
I TOLD YOU THAT I HAVE TO CLOSE THIS PLACE...
...THOSE EFFORTS...

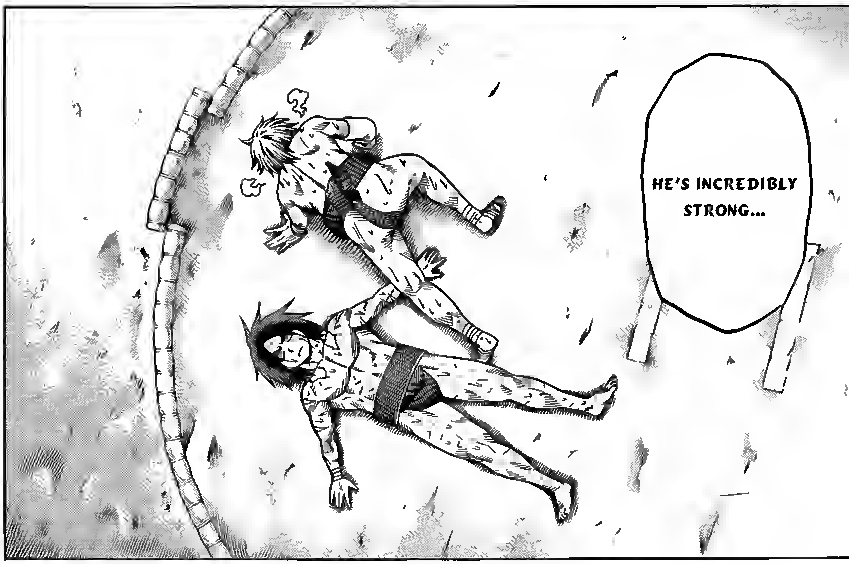
I MUST MAKE SURE YOU'RE REWARDED FOR THEM!!
HE COUNTERED IT WITH A COMBINED MOVE!?
WHAT LIES OVER THE LIMIT!?
火ノ丸相撲
KAWADA
Round 37 THE YOKOZUNA SUMO THAT BELONGS ONLY TO YOU

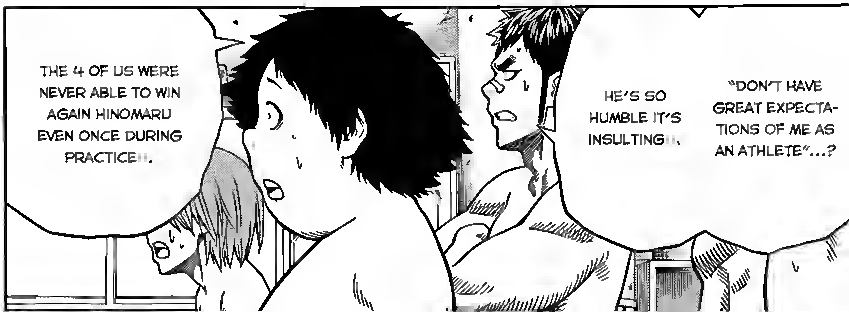

THIS IS RECKLESS! USHIO'S POWER IS SUPERIOR! THIS FIGHT WILL END WITH...
USHIO'S VICTORY!!

COMBINED MOVES REQUIRE A HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNIQUE.
IF YOU GET THE TIMING WRONG EVEN A LITTLE, THEIR POWER WOULD ONLY BE HALF.
IT'S A MOVE WITH A HIGH RISK...
KUH...
THIS LEVEL OF COMPLETENESS
... THIS IS REALLY HIS EFFORT CRYSTALLIZED...
BUT THIS IS STILL NOT ENOUGH
TO GO FURTHER!
TAKE THIS, HINOMARU! THIS IS YOUR POTENTIAL!!


A THROW
A TWIST...
AND ANOTHER MOVE...
WITH YOUR LEG!
A DOUBLE...?
NO... THIS IS...
"A TRIPLE COMBINED MOVE"!!

... WHO THE HELL IS HE...

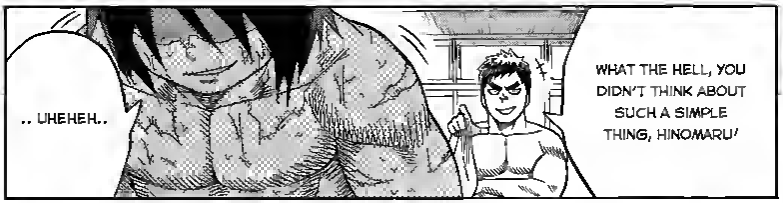

HE'S INCREDIBLY STRONG...

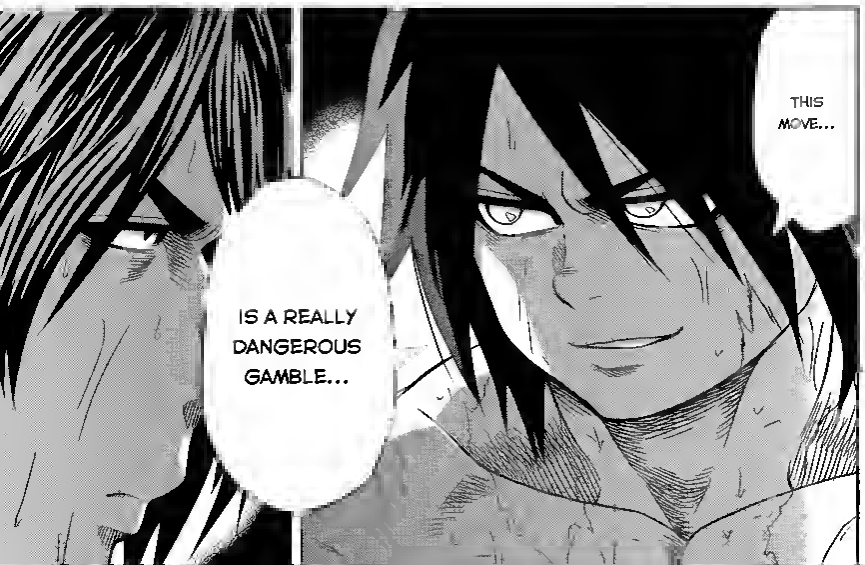

THE 4 OF US WERE NEVER ABLE TO WIN AGAIN HINOMARU EVEN ONCE DURING PRACTICE!!.
HE'S SO HUMBLE IT'S INSULTING!!.
"DON'T HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF ME AS AN ATHLETE"...?

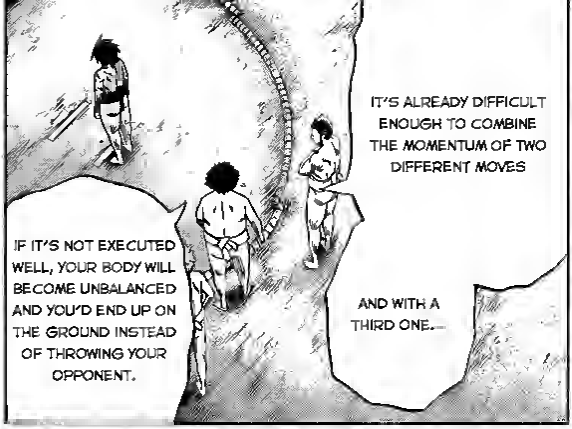
YOUR TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN HONED WELL...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I STARED AT THE CEILING.
SHIT....
.....
STOP SAYING BULSHIT...
HA HA
AND I COULD COUNTER ATTACK THE LAST COMBINED MOVE BECAUSE I KNEW IT WAS COMING ..
HA...
YOU'RE STILL TIRED FROM YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT...
HA...
... BUT THANKS TO THAT

I WAS ABLE TO TELL YOU WHAT I WANTED
TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
... YOU DON'T NEED ME TO EXPLAIN, RIGHT?
A TRIPLE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK
A COMBINATION THAT SURPASSES EVEN THE "THROW" AND "SPIN" COMBINATION...
THAT IS THE UNIQUE PATH OF SURVIVAL, THAT WILL BRING YOUR "TECHNIQUE" TO THE UTMOST LIMIT
AFTER YOUR "HEART" AND "SPIRIT" ARE ALREADY AT THE TOP...!

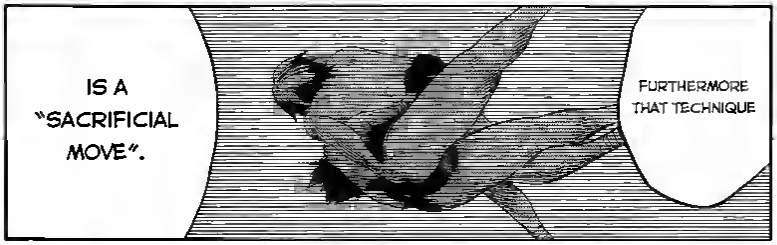
IT IS TRUE THAT THREE MOVES ARE STRONGER THAN JUST TWO
AND HE SHOWED US HOW HE WAS ABLE TO THROW HINOMARU EVEN IF HE IS STRONGER.
IN OTHER WORDS... HE NEEDS TO ACQUIRE A NEW SURE KILL MOVE...!?

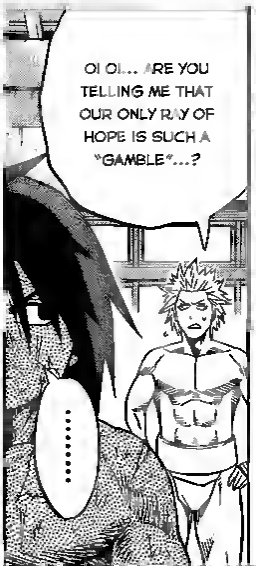

.. UHEHEH..
WHAT THE HELL, YOU DIDN'T THINK ABOUT SUCH A SIMPLE THING, HINOMARU!


IS A REALLY DANGEROUS GAMBLE...
THIS MOVE...


IF IT'S NOT EXECUTED WELL, YOUR BODY WILL BECOME UNBALANCED AND YOU'D END UP ON THE GROUND INSTEAD OF THROWING YOUR OPPONENT.
IT'S ALREADY DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO COMBINE THE MOMENTUM OF TWO DIFFERENT MOVES
AND WITH A THIRD ONE...

H-HE'S RIGHT, CALM DOWN EVERYONE!
AH?


IS A "SACRIFICIAL MOVE".
FURTHERMORE THAT TECHNIQUE


OI OI... ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT OUR ONLY WAY OF HOPE IS SUCH A "GAMBLE"...?
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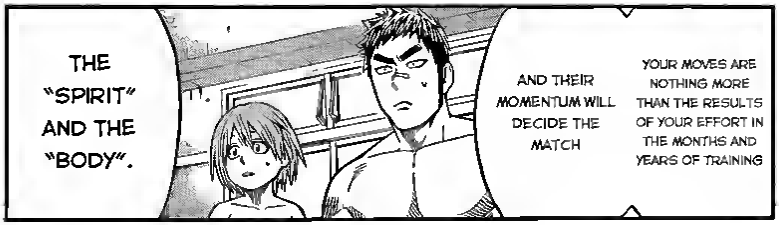
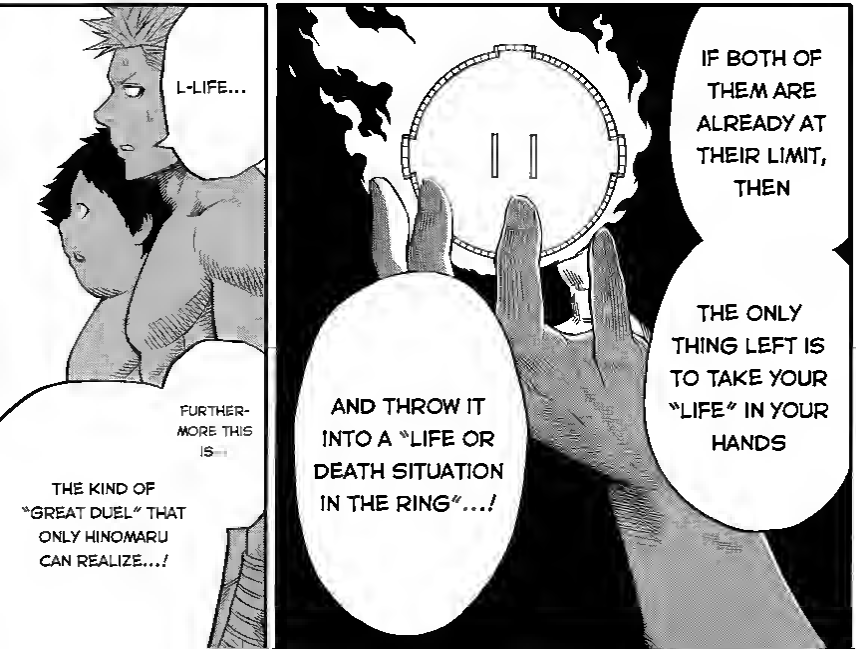
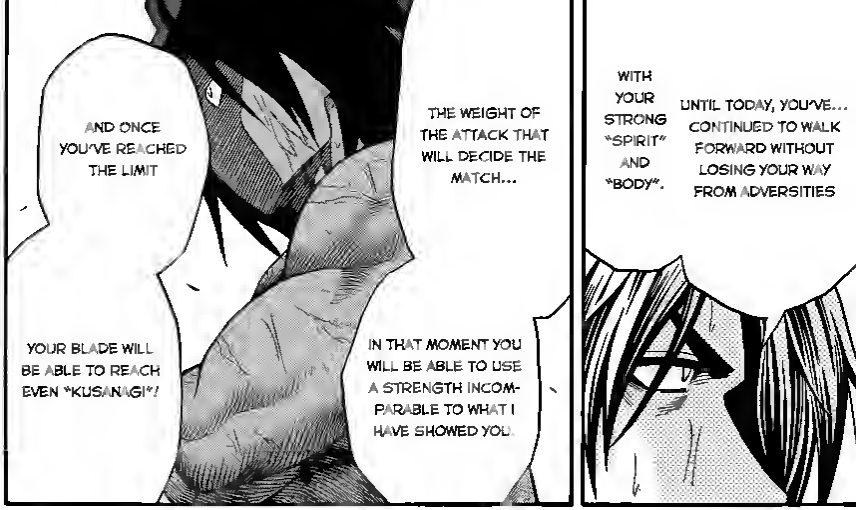
TO USE IT, YOU NEED TO PUT YOURSELF IN A DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION
SO DISADVANTAGEOUS THAT YOU CANNOT RECOVER IN ANY WAY...
IF YOU MESS UP, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHANCE
AND THE ONLY THING THAT LIES AHEAD IS "DEFEAT"...!

YOU CAN DEFEAT EVEN KUSANAGI!
BUT IF YOU MASTER SUCH A SACRIFICIAL MOVE...


THE "SPIRIT" AND THE "BODY".
AND THEIR MOMENTUM WILL DECIDE THE MATCH
YOUR MOVES ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORT IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS OF TRAINING

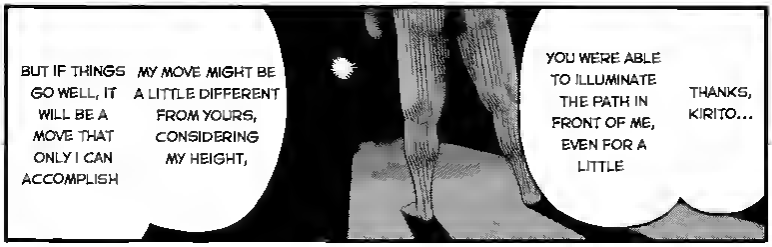

L-LIFE...
FURTHER-MORE THIS IS—!
THE KIND OF "GREAT DUEL" THAT ONLY HINOMARU CAN REALIZE...!
IF BOTH OF THEM ARE ALREADY AT THEIR LIMIT, THEN
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO TAKE YOUR "LIFE" IN YOUR HANDS
AND THROW IT INTO A "LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION IN THE RING"...!

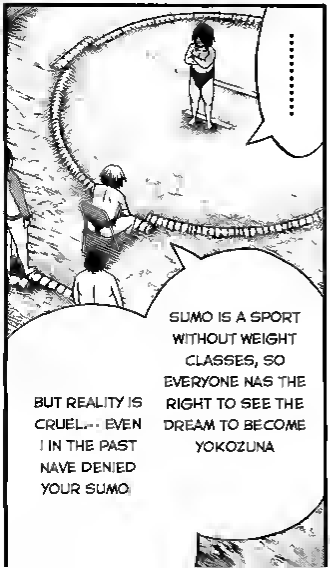

AND ONCE YOU'VE REACHED THE LIMIT
THE WEIGHT OF THE ATTACK THAT WILL DECIDE THE MATCH...
YOUR BLADE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH EVEN "KUSANAGI"!
IN THAT MOMENT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE A STRENGTH INCOMPARABLE TO WHAT I HAVE SHOWED YOU.
WITH YOUR STRONG "SPIRIT" AND "BODY".
UNTIL TODAY, YOU'VE... CONTINUED TO WALK FORWARD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR WAY FROM ADVERSITIES

A SACRIFICIAL MOVE THAT PUTS YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE
THAT SEPARATES AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY FROM AN HONORABLE DEFEAT
A "YOKOZUNA SUMO" MOVE THAT PIERCES YOUR OPPONENT RIGHT FROM THE FRONT!

... ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT, USHIO?
YOUR CURRENT STRENGTH SHOULD BE ENOUGH EVEN FOR THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
YOU'D RISK DESTROYING THE SUMO YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW...
AS I AM NOW
THERE ARE PEOPLE I CANNOT WIN AGAINST.
MAYBE I CAN FIGHT WELL WITH THEM FOR A LITTLE
BUT THEN THEY'D TELL ME
"YOU LOST, BUT IT WAS A GOOD MATCH"
"IT WAS A CLOSE ONE"...

I WANT TO BECOME THE SUMO WORLD'S
"YOKOZUNA"


THANKS, KIRITO...
YOU WERE ABLE TO ILLUMINATE THE PATH IN FRONT OF ME, EVEN FOR A LITTLE
MY MOVE MIGHT BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM YOURS, CONSIDERING MY HEIGHT,
BUT IF THINGS GO WELL, IT WILL BE A MOVE THAT ONLY I CAN ACCOMPLISH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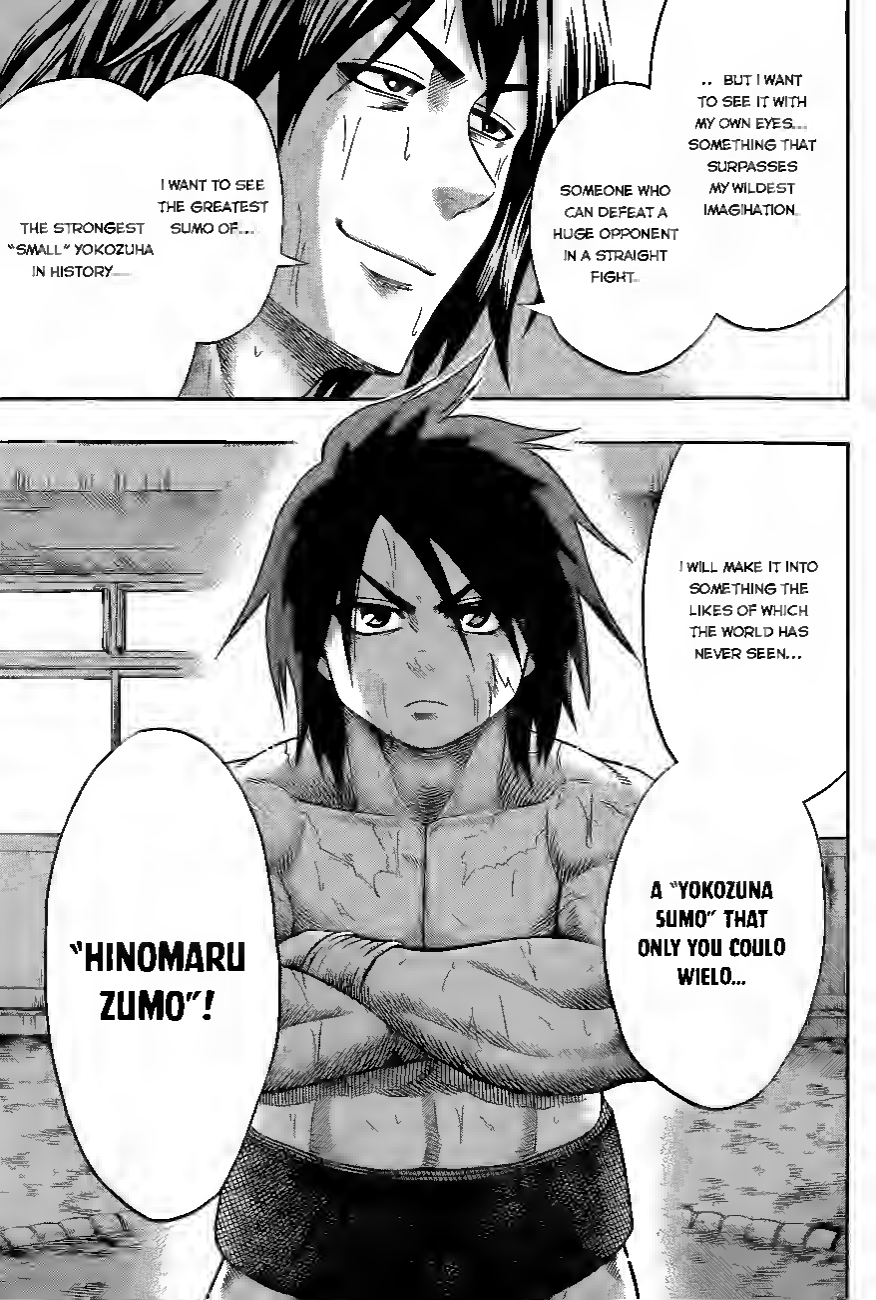
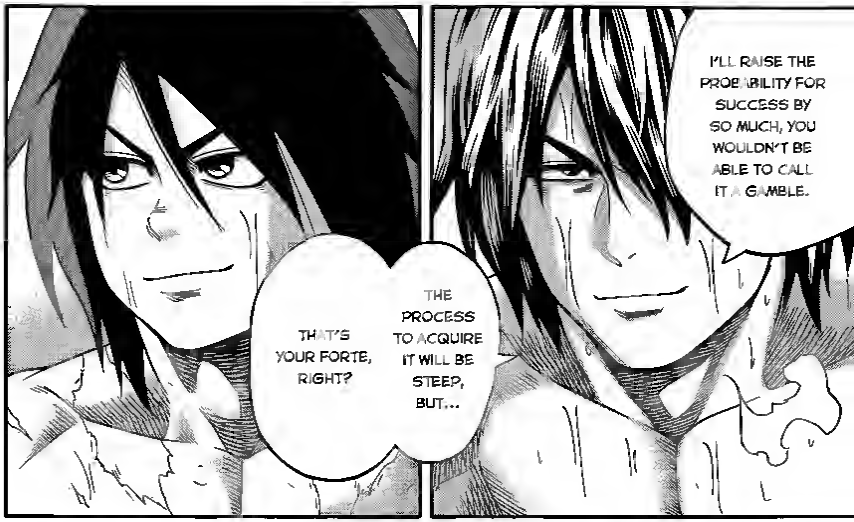
SUMO IS A SPORT WITHOUT WEIGHT CLASSES, SO EVERYONE NAS THE RIGHT TO SEE THE DREAM TO BECOME YOKOZUNA
BUT REALITY IS CRUEL... EVEN I IN THE PAST NAVE DENIED YOUR SUMO

BESIDES, TRYING TO BECOME A YOKOZUNA WITH MY BODY
IS ALREADY A GAMBLE.
I ACCEPT YOUR BET.


I WANT TO SEE THE GREATEST SUMO OF...
THE STRONGEST "SMALL" YOKOZUHA IN HISTORY...
SOMEONE WHO CAN DEFEAT A HUGE OPPONENT IN A STRAIGHT FIGHT.
.. BUT I WANT TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES... SOMETHING THAT SURPASSES MY WILDEST IMAGINATION.
I WILL MAKE IT INTO SOMETHING THE LIKES OF WHICH THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN...
A "YOKOZUNA SUMO" THAT ONLY YOU COULD WIELD...
"HINOMARU ZUMO"!

HINOMARU ZUMO...
H-...


I'LL RAISE THE PROBABILITY FOR SUCCESS BY SO MUCH, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CALL IT A GAMBLE.
THE PROCESS TO ACQUIRE IT WILL BE STEEP, BUT...
THAT'S YOUR FORTE, RIGHT?

...YOU WILL TRAIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN THE TIME REMAINING UNTIL THE INTER HIGH TOURNAMENT IN ONE VS ONE FIGHTS.
FOR TODAY YOU WILL TRAIN WITH MY STUDENTS HERE
YOU GUYS MAKE SURE TO BE NICE TO THEM.
YES!

TSUJI-SAN IS INCREDIBLE!
NOT ONLY IS HE AN EXCELLENT COACH, HE'S ALSO AN INCREDIBLE FIGHTER!
WITH THIS DACHI HIGH... CAN REALLY BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN!
... AND WITH THIS, HOTARU IS NOT A CORE MEMBER ANYMORE.
T...
EH?

.....
HEY, WHAT ABOUT ME!
WE WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO WIN IN TEAM COMPETITIONS.
THAT'S RIGHT, IF HINOMARU, KIRITO AND I CAN GET 3 VICTORIES

... SORRY TO BE A WET BLANKET, BUT LISTEN TO ME.
EH?
IT MUST'VE BE DIFFICULT TO WIN AGAINST USHIO AFTER ALL...
... BUT WASN'T TSUJI'S FACE A LITTLE PALE?
I'LL GO LOOK AFTER HIM!
AH...

KIRITO CANNOT BE A MEMBER IN THE TEAM BATTLES.
EH...?

HE WAS SERIOUS WHEN HE SAID TO "NOT HAVE EXPECTATIONS FOR HIM AS AN ATHLETE"
AND HE PROBABLY COULDN'T JOIN OUR CLUB EARLIER FOR THE SAME REASON HE CANNOT FIGHT...

... WELL
THIS IS IT.
YOU ARE THE 5TH MEMBER OF DACHI HIGH'S TEAM
MITSUBASHI.
THE LAST MEMBER IS NOT THE COACH...
HINOMARU ZUMOU
ROUND 37
END

RAW PROVIDER
FA

REDRAWER
Morais, Gah, Shinjo

TRANSLATOR
Aegon

CLEANER
ManhHai090, Shinjo

PROOFREADER
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QUALITY CHECKER
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TYPESETTER
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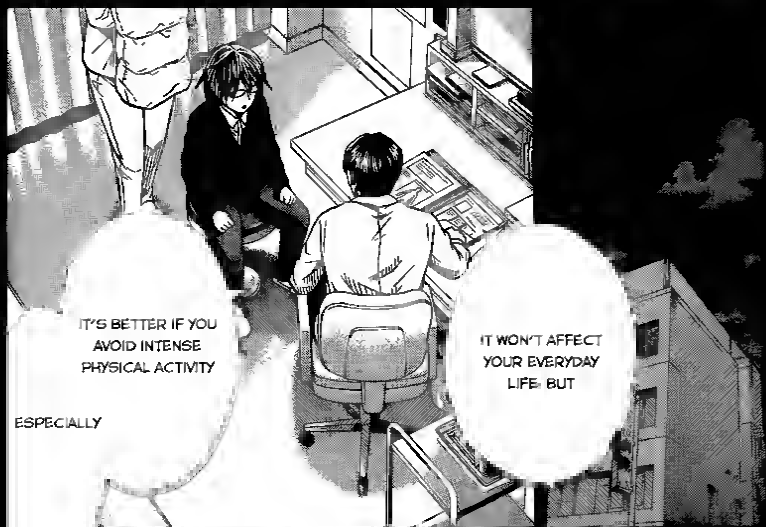
038 HINOMARU ZUMOU

BY KAWADA

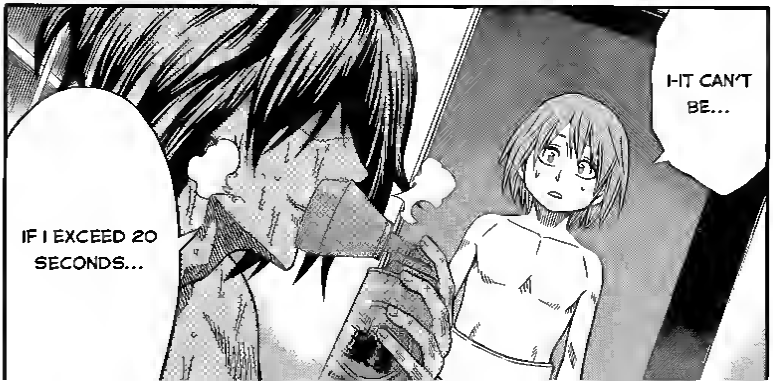
THE TRUE REASON HE SAYS "DON'T HAVE ANY EXPECTATION OF ME AS AN ATHLETE"...
DO YOUR BEST, TSUJI!
WE ALL WORKED JUST AS HARD!
HAH
HAH
ANOTHER MATCH...

HINOMARU ZUMOU



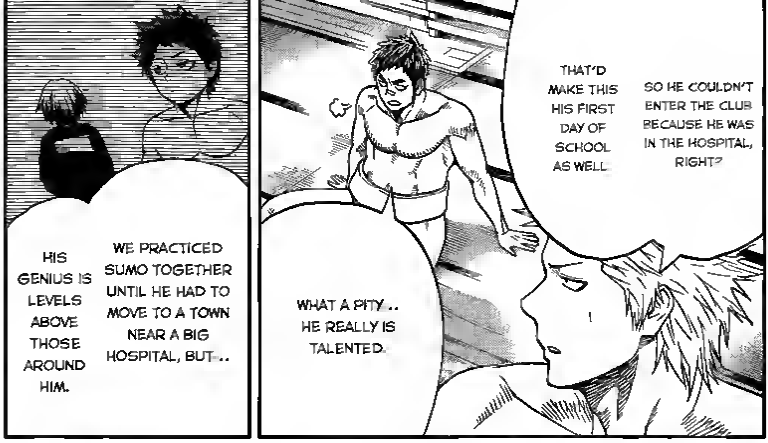
SOMETHING AS HARSH AS SUMO...
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT HE'D GET TIRED SO FAST
THE DOCTOR SAID SOMETHING LIKE HIS LUNGS ARE SMALL OR TOO STIFF
YET HE DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THAT AND CONTINUED TO COMPETE...
SUMO IS A SPORT IN WHICH MATCHES LAST A FEW SECONDS
YET THOSE FEW SECONDS ARE REALLY FIERCE...
HE ONLY HAS "20 SECONDS"...

Round 38: MAKING THE NUMBERS

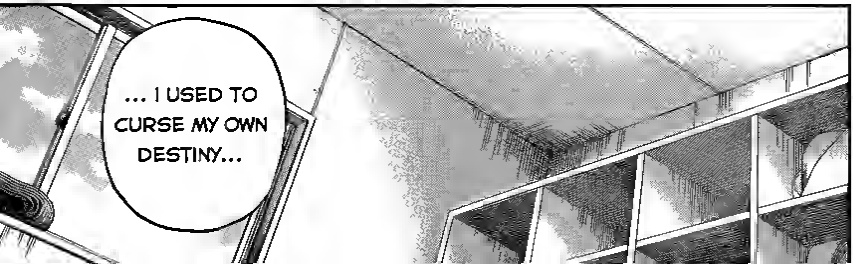


I'LL FEEL LIKE I'M DROWNING
I WON'T BE ABLE TO BREATHE

FURTHERMORE THE MORE MATCHES I HAVE, THE LESS TIME I HAVE TO USE MY FULL POWER
SEEING HOW IN A HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT THERE ARE SEVERAL MATCHES IN ONE DAY
I CAN'T FIGHT TO THE END...
... IT SEEMS THAT HE VISITED MANY DIFFERENT HOSPITALS BUT
— HIS CONDITION NEVER IMPROVED


HIS GENIUS IS LEVELS ABOVE THOSE AROUND HIM.
WE PRACTICED SUMO TOGETHER UNTIL HE HAD TO MOVE TO A TOWN NEAR A BIG HOSPITAL, BUT...
WHAT A PITY... HE REALLY IS TALENTED.
THAT'D MAKE THIS HIS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AS WELL.
SO HE COULDN'T ENTER THE CLUB BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, RIGHT?

RATHER, IT WOULD BE HIM, THE ONE THEY CALL "ONIKIRI"...
I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOKOZUNA...
IF KIRITO HADN'T HAD ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS


... I USED TO CURSE MY OWN DESTINY...

I THOUGHT THAT I HAD MORE TALENT THAN THE OTHERS...
THAT I WAS A GENIUS BEYOND THEM...
AND YET...

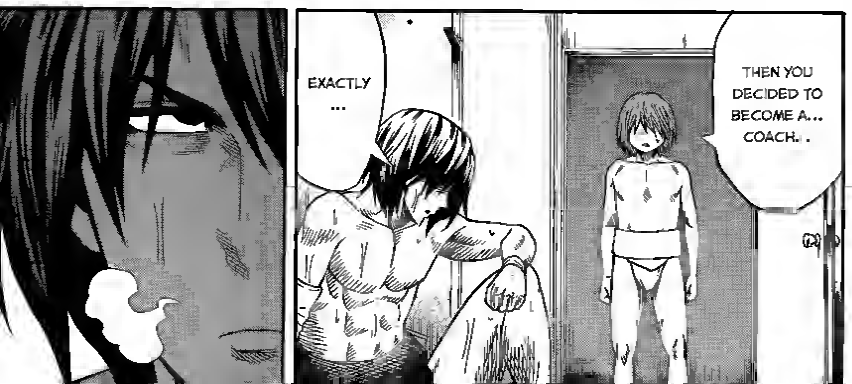
AT THAT TIME I LOST SIGHT OF THE MEANING OF PERSEVERANCE
... AND GAVE UP ON SUMO
I AVOIDED WATCHING PROFESSIONAL SUMO MATCHES
AND THOUGHT ONLY TO STAY FAR AWAY FROM SUMO

FATE WAS PLAYING WITH HIM JUST LIKE IT DID WITH ME AND YET
WITHOUT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HESITATION
THAT IDIOT CONTINUED TO STRUGGLE AGAINST HIS DESTINY...

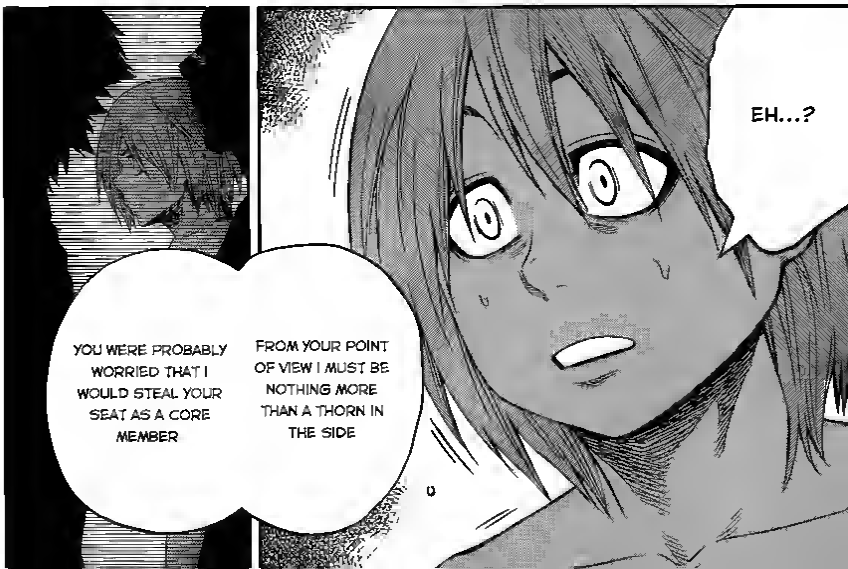
... BUT THEN
I SAW HIM.

I THOUGHT I WAS PATHETIC, CONSTANTLY SEARCHING FOR MYSELF A MEANINGFUL REASON TO PRACTICE SUMO.
I LIKE SUMO
I DON'T NEED ANY OTHER REASON...

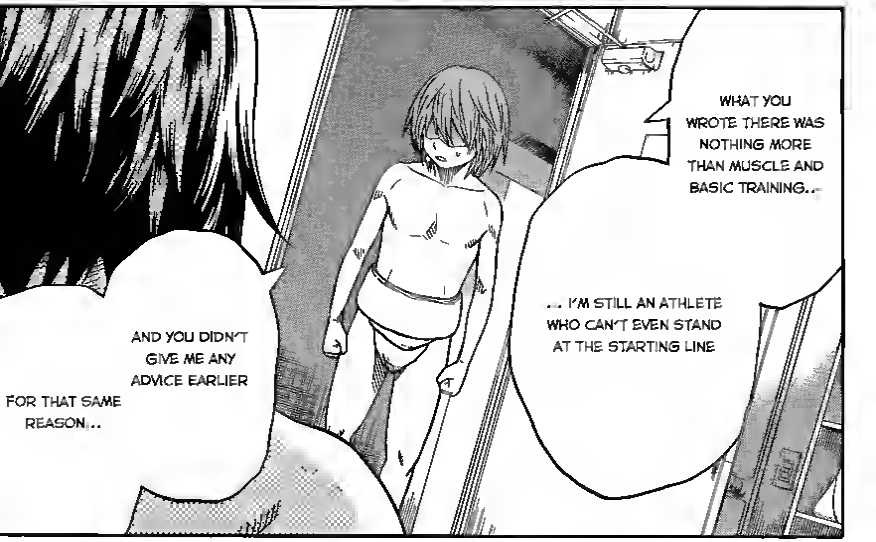
I COULDN'T ACHIEVE HIS LEVEL OF STUBBORNNESS, BUT
AT LEAST I WANTED TO HELP HIM IN HIS STRUGGLE...
AND FROM THAT MOMENT I SEARCHED FOR A WAY TO GIVE HIM A HAND.


EXACTLY ...
THEN YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A... COACH...

YOU MUST FEEL RELIEVED
THAT I CANNOT FIGHT, RIGHT?

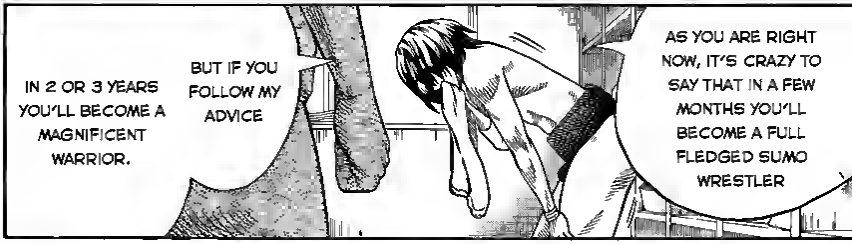

EH...?
FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW I MUST BE NOTHING MORE THAN A THORN IN THE SIDE
YOU WERE PROBABLY WORRIED THAT I WOULD STEAL YOUR SEAT AS A CORE MEMBER

W-WHAT, NO...
DID YOU SEE THE TRAINING SCHEDULE I GAVE YOU?
Y-YES...
IT'S INCREDIBLE... YOU EVEN RESEARCHED THE RESULTS OF MY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORT TESTS...
... BUT YOU GAVE ME LESS PRACTICE TIME THAN THE OTHERS...


WHAT YOU WROTE THERE WAS NOTHING MORE THAN MUSCLE AND BASIC TRAINING...
... I'M STILL AN ATHLETE WHO CAN'T EVEN STAND AT THE STARTING LINE
AND YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY ADVICE EARLIER FOR THAT SAME REASON...

.....
WELL, SEEMS LIKE YOU ALREADY UNDERSTAND
BUT DON'T WORRY

THE OTHER 4 WILL DO THEIR PART TO EARN VICTORIES
YOU JUST HAVE TO SHOW UP.


AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, IT'S CRAZY TO SAY THAT IN A FEW MONTHS YOU'LL BECOME A FULL FLEDGED SUMO WRESTLER
BUT IF YOU FOLLOW MY ADVICE
IN 2 OR 3 YEARS YOU'LL BECOME A MAGNIFICENT WARRIOR.

EVEN IN YOUR CURRENT STATE
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO FIGHT INSTEAD OF ME...

2 OR 3 YEARS...
... HOW IRRITATING...

TO BE HONEST I WOULD LIKE CONTRIBUTE TO HINOMARU'S VICTORY AS AN ATHLETE
... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IT'S FRUSTRATING, BUT YOU ARE THE FIFTH MEMBER HERE.
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
AS LONG AS YOU STAND IN THE RING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME VICTORIES THROUGH PURE LUCK
BUT AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, NOT EVEN LUCK WOULD HELP YOU WIN.
FIRST YOU HAVE TO BUILD YOUR BODY
THAT'S ALL!
BEGIN!
.....

YOU'RE ALL STILL TIRED FROM YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT
FOR TODAY WE'LL ONLY HAVE LIGHT TRAINING, WHILE THE REAL DEAL BEGINS TOMORROW.
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IF WE OVERDO THINGS TODAY, YOU'LL END UP HURTING YOURSELF.

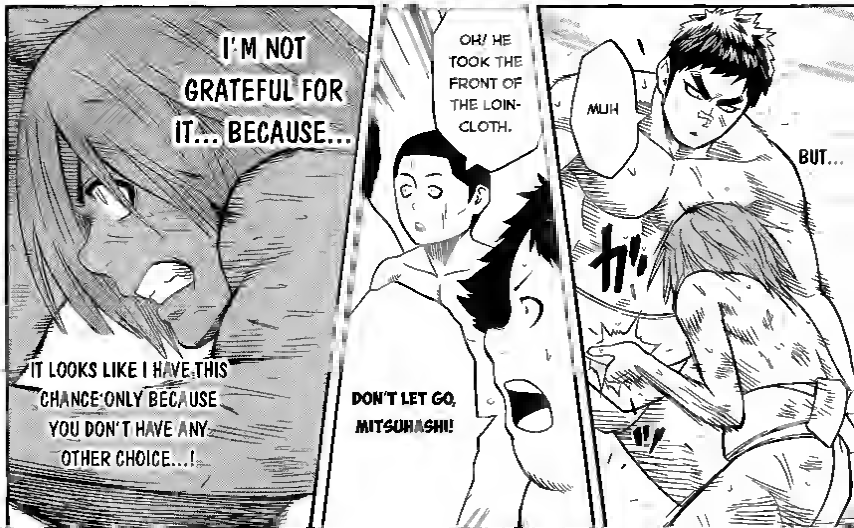
IN OTHER WORDS YOU'RE SUPER LUCKY.
HEY HOTARU
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR PROF'S BODY PROBLEM?
BEGIN!

OK!!
I'M NEXT!
DAMMIT
OK, TIME FOR PAYBACK!
?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT FACE?

DAHAH
OK, OUT OF THE WAY MITSUHASHI.
WHY ARE YOU SO ENERGETIC TODAY, MITSUHASHI...?
.....?
BECAUSE I'M NOT TIRED!
I ONLY LOST AFTER A FEW SECONDS IN MY FIRST MATCH YESTERDAY.
W-WAIT!
ANOTHER MATCH... ANOTHER MATCH PLEASE!
?
O-OK.
.....
I ALREADY KNOW... THAT I'M THE WEAKEST IN DACHI HIGH BY A GREAT MARGIN...
GOHAH
GUEH!
AGAH

IN OTHER SCHOOLS I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIGHT AT ALL CONSIDERING MY STRENGTH!
SHIT...!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M HAPPY THAT I CAN TAKE PART IN OFFICIAL MATCHES!!
I KNOW THAT I'M LUCKY!!

WELL LET'S DO AS HE WANTS FOR NOW.
... UHEHEH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM...?
A-ANOTHER MATCH PLEASE!


I'M NOT GRATEFUL FOR IT... BECAUSE...
IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE THIS CHANCE ONLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE...!
OH! HE TOOK THE FRONT OF THE LOIN-CLOTH.
DON'T LET GO, MITSUHASHI!
MUH
BUT...

WHO THE HELL...
YOU'RE GETTING ON MY NERVES...!!
AND THE THING I HAVE TO DO IS SHOW UP...?
MUH!
THE OTHER FIGHT...
AAAH!!
TO YOU!!
IS GONNA LISTEN
OH...

THE RULES SAY THAT IF YOUR LOINCLOTH COMES OFF YOU LOSE BY DEFAULT

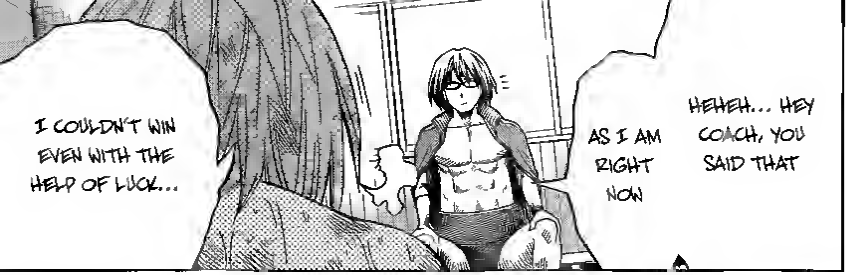
T-THIS IS...

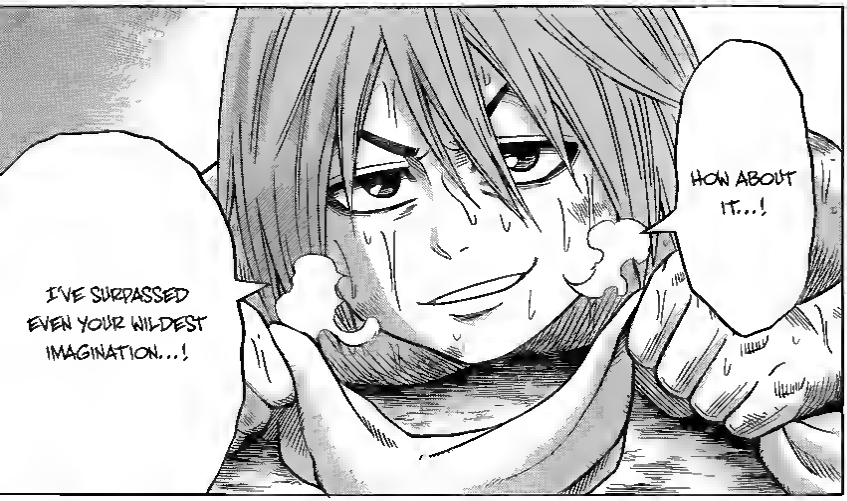
CHIHIRO'S DEFEAT BY MODESTY*

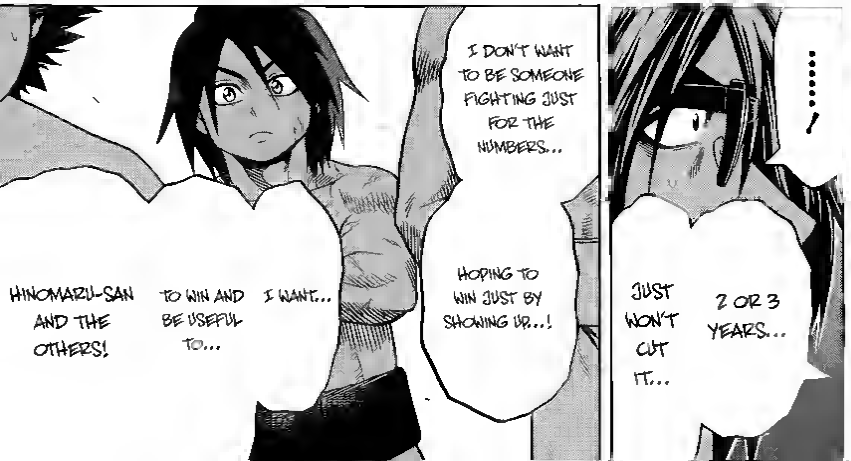
KEI WINS.

HE... HEHEH... I WON...

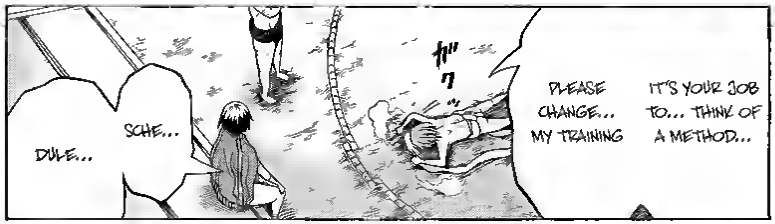
HEY YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO HAPPY ABOUT SUCH A STUPID WAY OF WINNING


I COULDN'T WIN EVEN WITH THE HELP OF LUCK...
AS I AM RIGHT NOW
HEHEH... HEY COACH, YOU SAID THAT

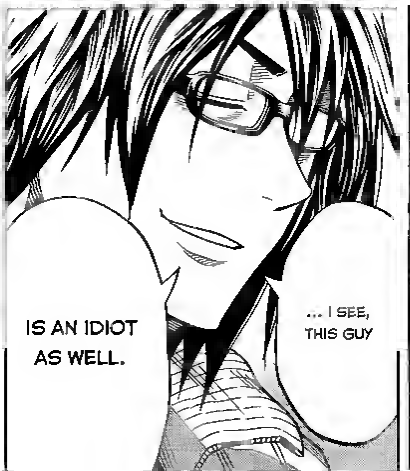

I'VE SURPASSED EVEN YOUR WILDEST IMAGINATION...!
HOW ABOUT IT...!


HINOMARU-SAN AND THE OTHERS!
TO WIN AND BE USEFUL TO...
I WANT...
I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEONE FIGHTING JUST FOR THE NUMBERS...
HOPING TO WIN JUST BY SHOWING UP...!
JUST WON'T CUT IT...
2 OR 3 YEARS...
.....!

I KNOW THIS IS RECKLESS...
PLEASE TEACH ME A WAY TO...
BUT I'LL DO ANYTHING...!
WIN IN THIS YEAR'S INTER HIGH TOURNA-MENT...!


IT'S YOUR JOB TO... THINK OF A METHOD...
PLEASE CHANGE... MY TRAINING
SCHE...
DULE...

SOMEONE LIKE HIM WILL CHANGE IN A WAY THAT EVEN I CANNOT IMAGINE.
... TO STIR HIM UP A LITTLE WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE


IS AN IDIOT AS WELL.
... I SEE, THIS GUY

KUH...
KU KU KU KU

I ALREADY REALLY LIKE ALL OF THEM.
... THIS IS THE FIRST DAY I'M MEETING ANY OF THEM, AND YET
WE CAN DO IT
WITH THESE MEMBERS
WE CAN BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN!
.....
YEAH!
AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, FROM TOMORROW ONWARD I WILL SHOW YOU HELL
YOU'D BEST PREPARE YOURSELVES!
YEAH!
THE SIX OF THEM WILL TRY TO GRASP THEIR DREAM!!
WHAT THE HELL DID THEY SHOW ME!
I'M GOING HOME!!
HINOMARU ZUMOU
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PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING THIS MANGA TO SUPPORT THE AUTHOR WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY!

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BY KAWADA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, YUUMA..?
.....?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT...? I'M GOING FOR MORNING TRAINING.
WHA?
IT'S STILL 5 IN THE MORNING, IS THE SCHOOL EVEN OPEN?
FROM NOW ON WE WILL TRAIN OUTSIDE EVERY MORNING.
THE ONLY THING ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING THE BEST IN JAPAN IS... TRAINING!!

I'M ALSO AIMING TO BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN
SO IF IT'S A TRIP TO HELL OR WHEREVER I NEED TO GO, I'LL JUST HAVE TO PUSH MYSELF THROUGH.
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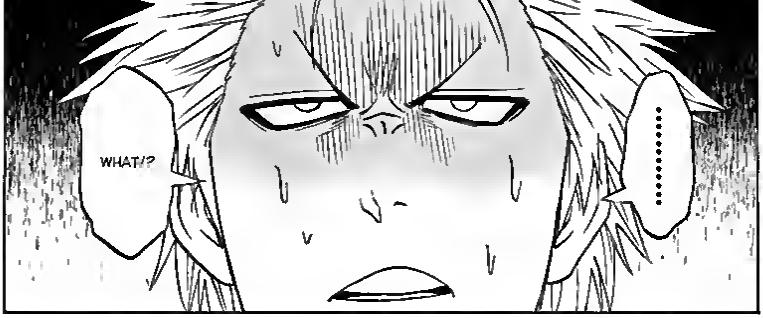

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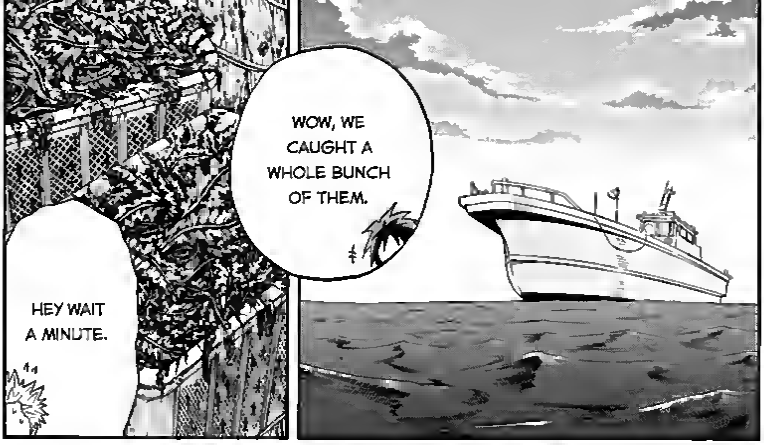
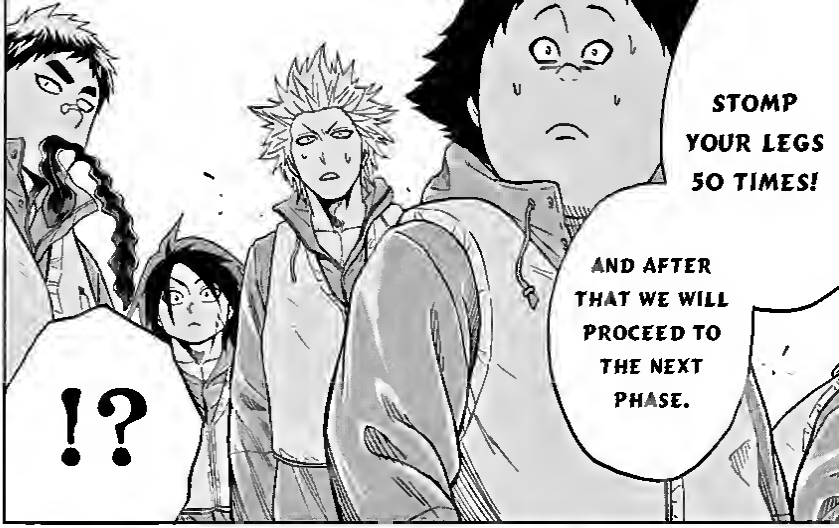
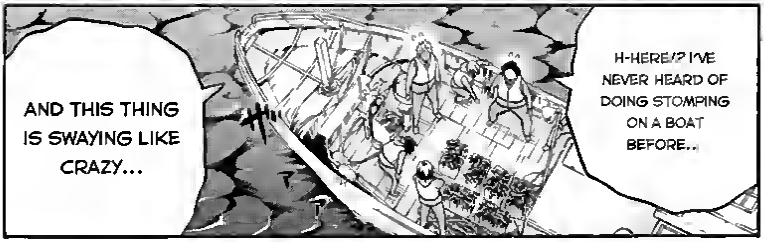

HEY WAIT A MINUTE.
WOW, WE CAUGHT A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM.

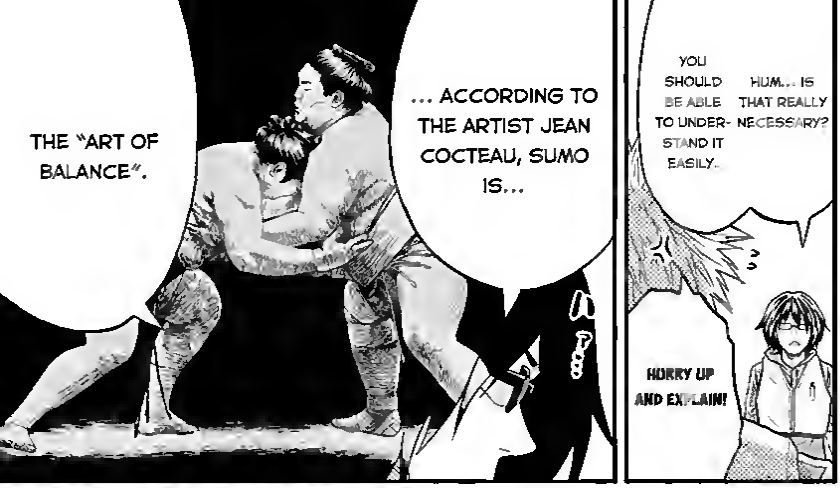
WELL, NO...
NO ONE TOLD YOU ANYTHING EITHER, HUH?
... WHAT'S THE RELATION BETWEEN THIS AND SUMO...?
ME TOO...
URGH... I FEEL SICK.

OK, WE WILL BEGIN SOON.
GEEZ, HE SAID WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MORNING TRAINING BUT HE'S PLAYING WITH US INSTEAD...

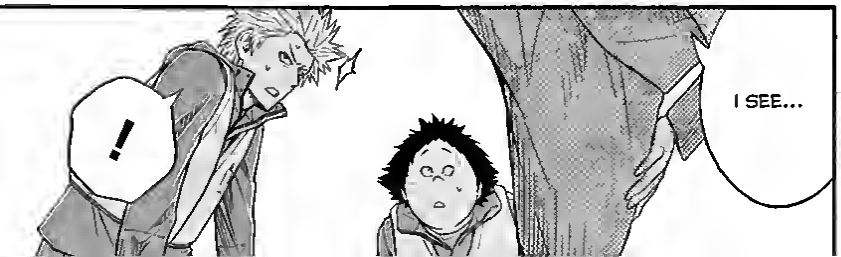

STOMP YOUR LEGS 50 TIMES!
AND AFTER THAT WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PHASE.
!?


H-HERE!? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF DOING STOMPING ON A BOAT BEFORE..
AND THIS THING IS SWAYING LIKE CRAZY...

UWAH
THIS IS REALLY DIFFICULT!
HEY! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!
EXPLAIN!


THE "ART OF BALANCE".
... ACCORDING TO THE ARTIST JEAN COCTEAU, SUMO IS...
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT EASILY.
HUM... IS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?
HURRY UP AND EXPLAIN!

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN YOUR SENSE OF BALANCE EVEN WHEN STANDING ON AN UNSTABLE SURFACE LIKE THE DECK OF A BOAT.
IN OTHER WORDS, SUMO CONSISTS OF "MAKING THE OPPONENT'S BALANCE CRUMBLE"


!
I SEE...

KUH... HE'S ACTUALLY DOING IT...
WELL, WHAT HE SAID
IN THIS SITUATION EVEN STOMPING WILL BE HARDER THAN USUAL
AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO UNIFORMLY TRAIN THE MUSCLES NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR BALANCE.
THE STOMPING IS LIKE "TALKING WITH YOUR FLESH".
EVERY TIME YOU STOMP, FOCUS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS ON YOUR MUSCLES.
HA HA HA, I ALREADY UNDERSTOOD YOUR INTENTIONS!
AND THERE'S A SECRET RELATED TO FISHING WAKAME!
EH?

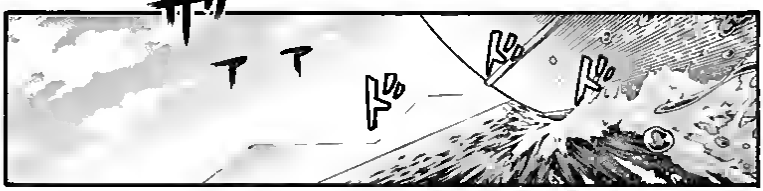
NO, FISHING WAKAME DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR TRAINING.
AH... I SEE.
I'M SURE THAT THE FEELING OF HOLDING THIS THING
IS THE SAME AS HOLDING OUR OPPONENT'S LOINCLOTH
AM I RIGHT!?

WE'LL ALSO EARN SOME MONEY, WHICH WILL HELP US WITH THE CLUB'S BUDGET, TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
IT ONLY SERVED FOR US TO BORROW THE SHIP.

MITSUHASHI!!
HAA HAA
OK!
WE'RE COMPLETELY BROKE BECAUSE OF THAT CHANKO STAND DURING THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
DON'T LOSE FOCUS BOTH WHEN YOU TRAIN AND WHEN YOU FISH.

OH MAN MY LEGS ARE TREMBLING
I FEEL LIKE I'VE USED MUSCLES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD...
WE WILL DO THIS EVERY MORNING FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH.
ANYWAY CAPTAIN
IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU ACCEPTED SUCH AN UNUSUAL REQUEST.
WELL THE OLD MAN'S FINE WITH GETTING SOME YOUNG HELPERS AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
EH? WHAT'S WITH THAT CRAP.
WE'D BE A LOT MORE PRODUCTIVE WITHOUT AMATEURS LIKE YOU ON BOARD

THEN WHY ARE YOU HELPING US?
……?
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE..
EH?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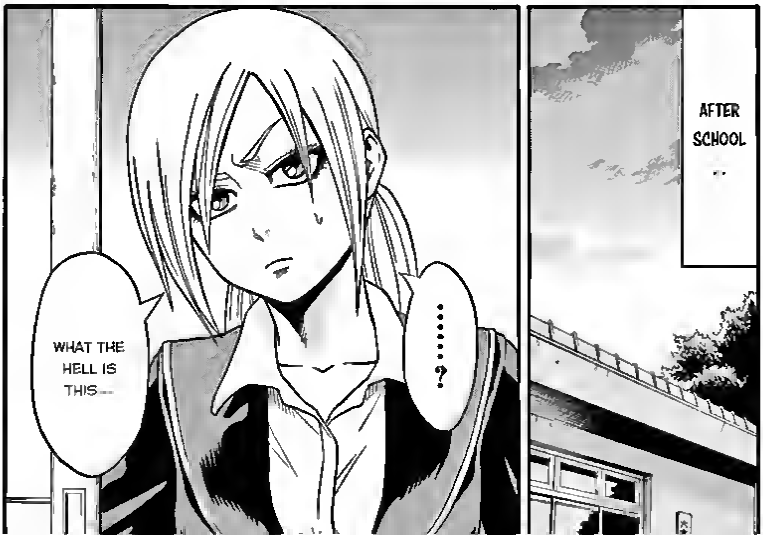
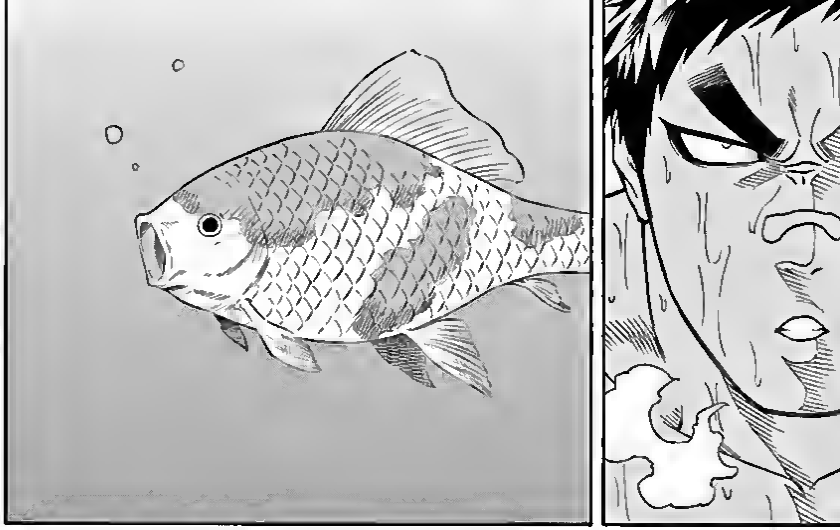
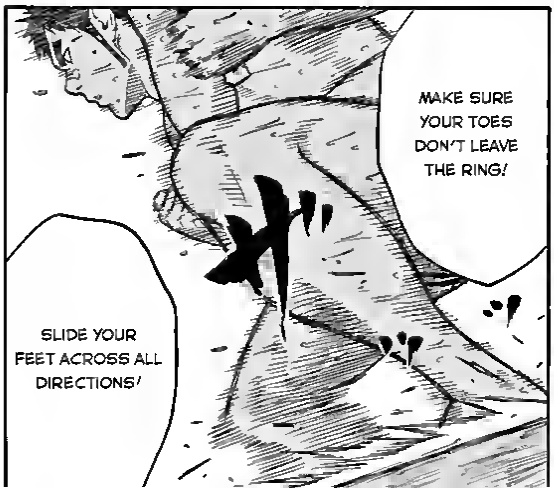
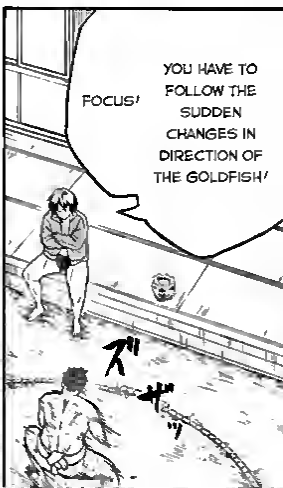

AFTER SCHOOL..
……?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS—



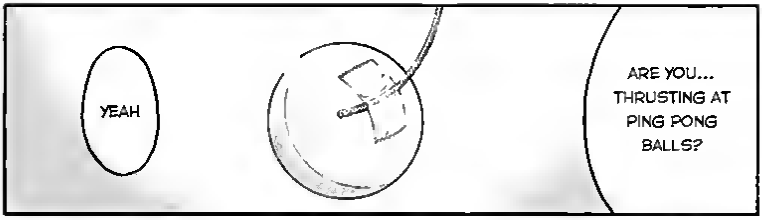
TOO SLOW!


SLIDE YOUR FEET ACROSS ALL DIRECTIONS!
MAKE SURE YOUR TOES DON'T LEAVE THE RING!


FOCUS!
YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW THE SUDDEN CHANGES IN DIRECTION OF THE GOLDFISH!

GUH
HIH
OK MITSUBASHI, ANOTHER 10 SECONDS LEFT.
BUHAH!!
2... 1... OK STOP.
... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? THIS IS ALL SO STRANGE...
BEGIN!
... AND
OK MOVE FAST
PUT THE WATER IN YOUR MOUTH
AND DON'T DRINK.

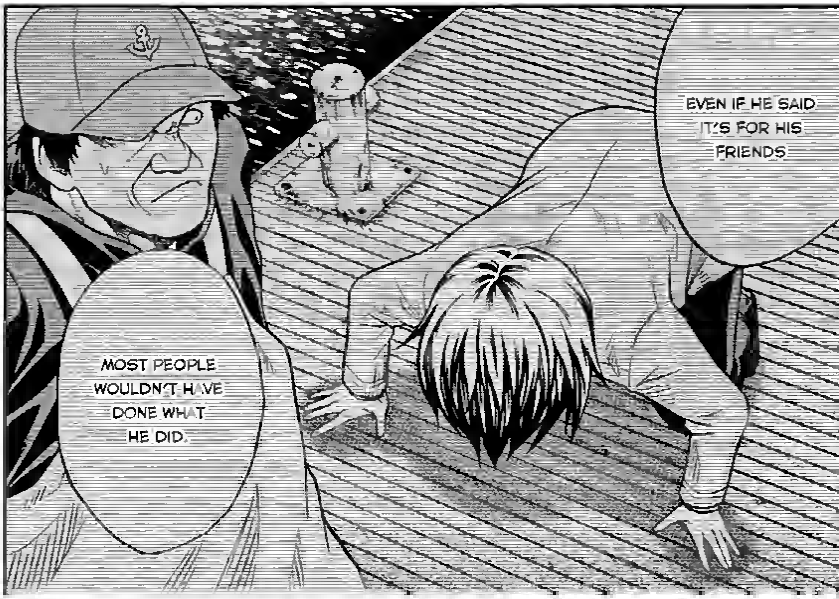
THE STRANGEST ONE IS YUUMA...
WHA?

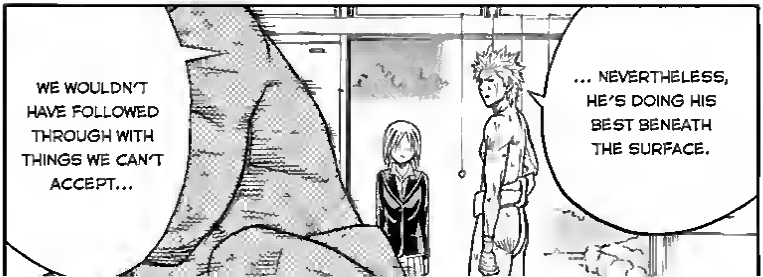

ARE YOU... THRUSTING AT PING PONG BALLS?
YEAH

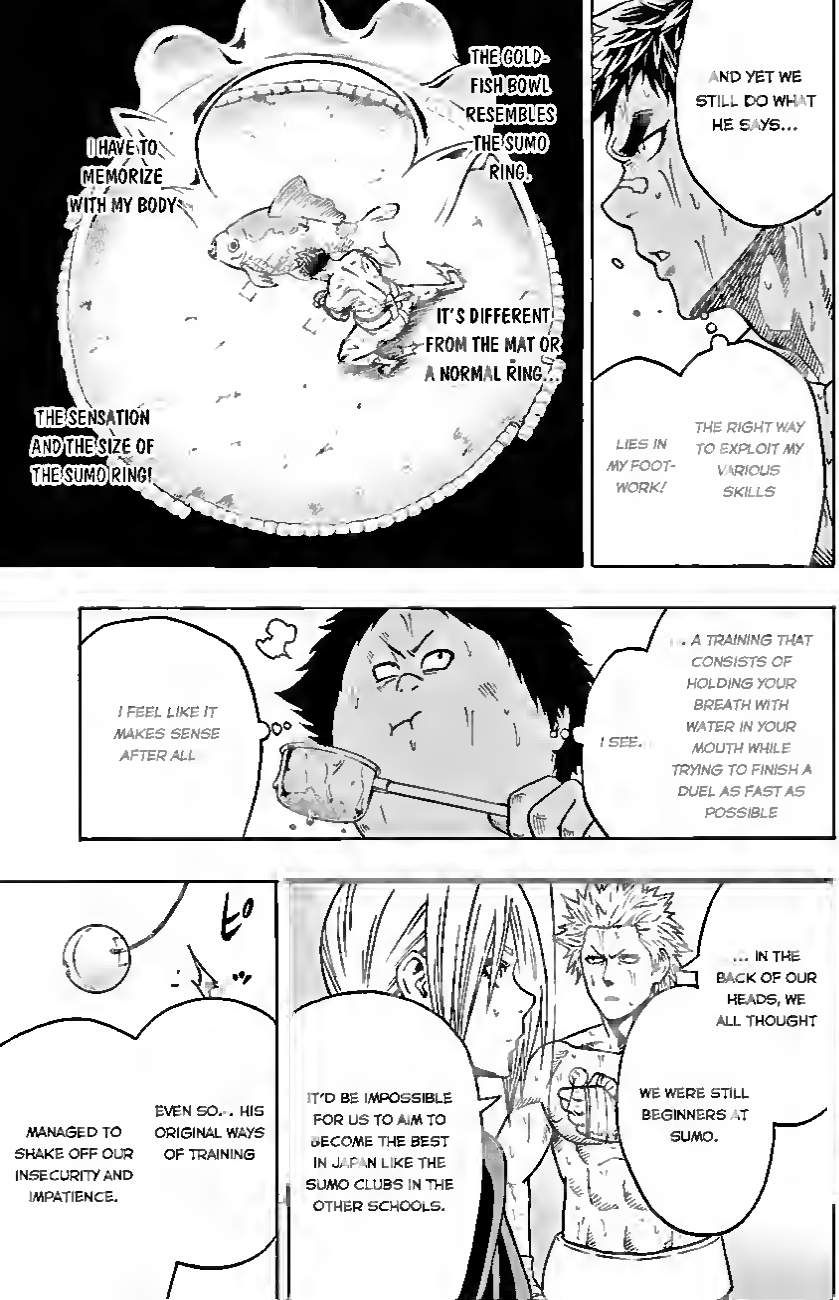
THRUST QUICKLY AND STRONGLY BY USING YOUR LOINS AND LEGS WHILE KEEPING YOUR BACK STRAIGHT.
THIS IS THE THRUSTING TRAINING I NEED SO I DON'T FALL FOR THE "PULLING TECHNIQUES" IN SUMO...
OR SO HE SAID...

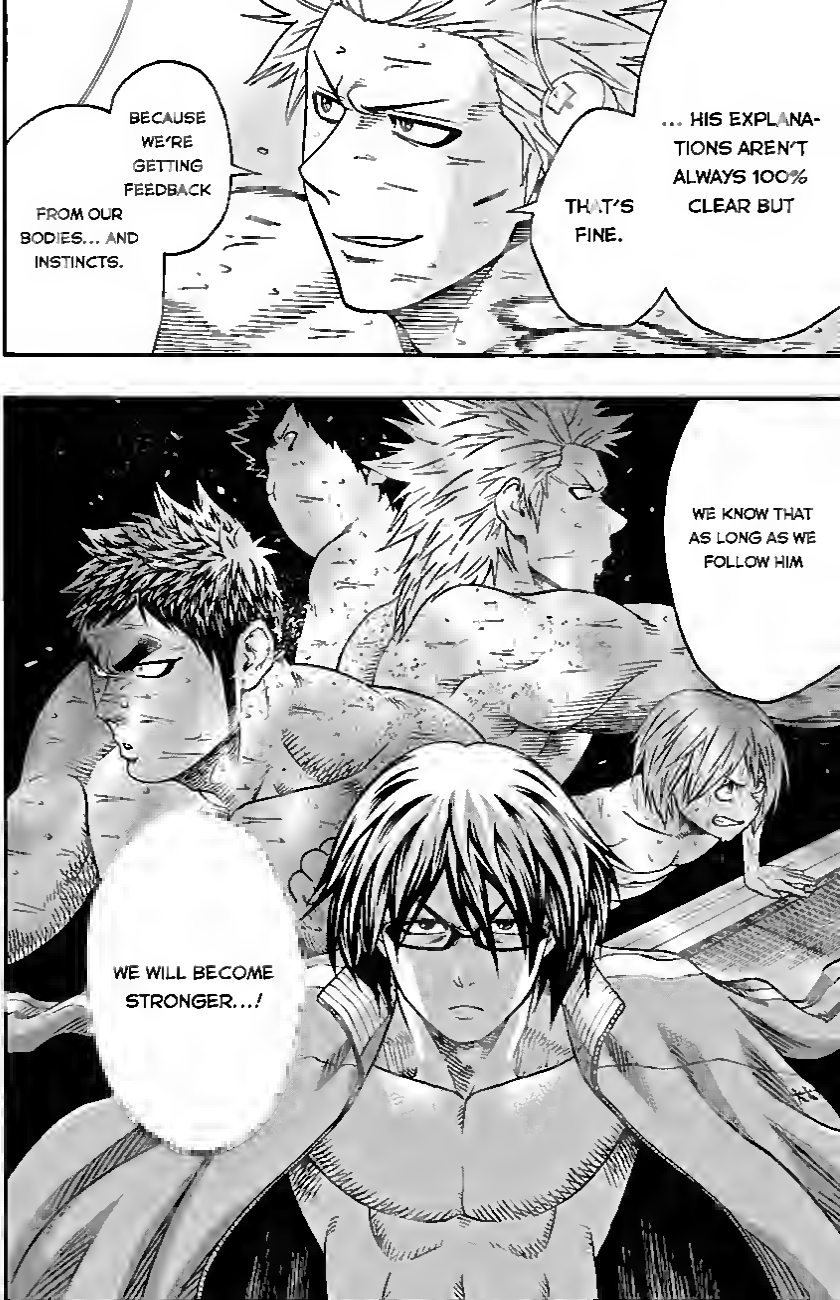
I MEAN, WHY IS EVERYONE GOING ALONG WITH THIS SILLY-LOOKING TRAINING?
WILL YOU REALLY BECOME STRONGER WITH THAT?
SO HE SAID...?
WHILE HE JUST SITS THERE WITH THAT HIGH-AND-MIGHTY LOOK ON HIS FACE.
HE'S MAKING EVERYONE DO ALL THIS WEIRD-ASS TRAINING.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D ALREADY BE MAKING A SCENE
THAT BASTARD ...
... IF YOU ASK ME WHY, WELL
TO BE HONEST I CAN'T STAND HIM EITHER.
... WELL, THAT'S HOW IT SEEMS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

MUST BE GREAT TO BE YOUNG.
COMES RUNNING BY EVERY MORNING
THAT FOUR EYES FRIEND OF YOURS.
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE...
HE DOES RECKLESS THINGS WHILE THE OTHERS AREN'T LOOKING.

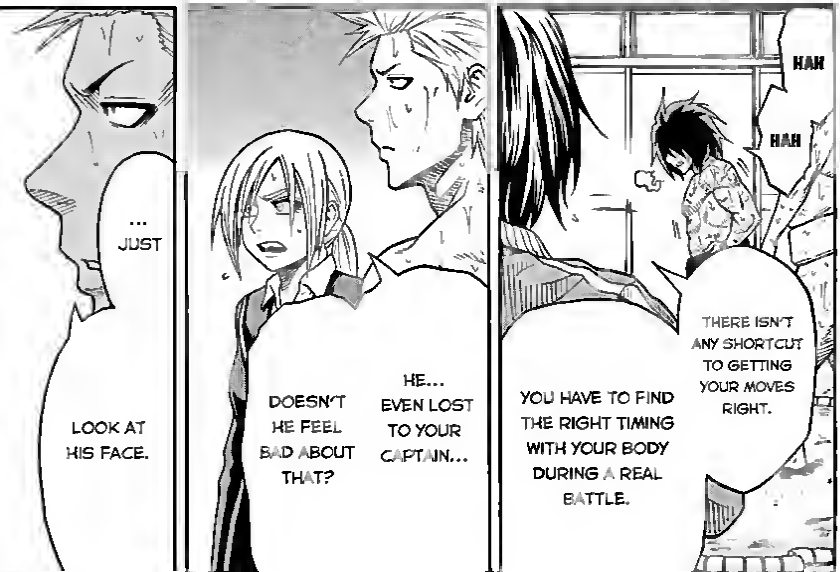

MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE WHAT HE DID.
EVEN IF HE SAID IT'S FOR HIS FRIENDS


WE WOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH THINGS WE CAN'T ACCEPT...
... NEVERTHELESS, HE'S DOING HIS BEST BENEATH THE SURFACE.

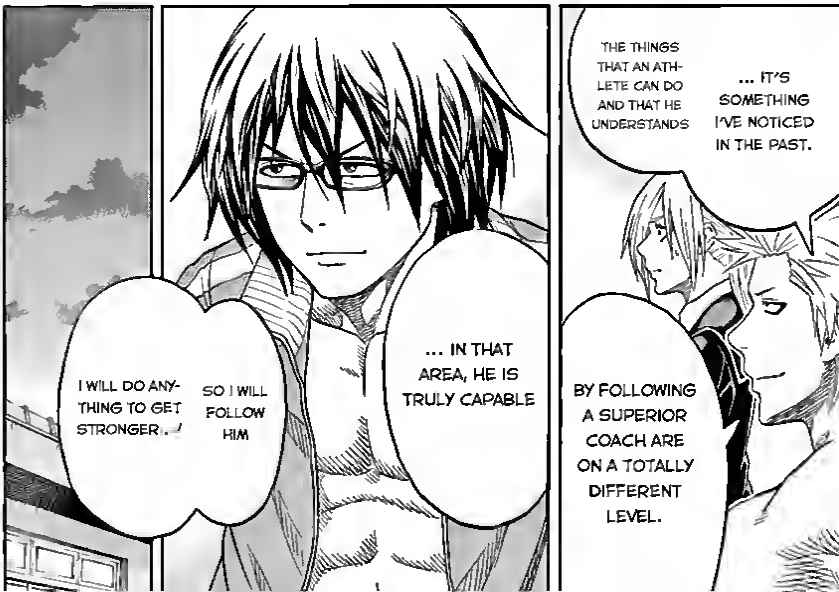

THE GOLD-FISH BOWL RESEMBLES THE SUMO RING.
I HAVE TO MEMORIZE WITH MY BODY
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE MAT OR A NORMAL RING...
THE SENSATION AND THE SIZE OF THE SUMO RING!
AND YET WE STILL DO WHAT HE SAYS...
LIES IN MY FOOT-WORK!
THE RIGHT WAY TO EXPLOIT MY VARIOUS SKILLS
I FEEL LIKE IT MAKES SENSE AFTER ALL
I SEE...
...A TRAINING THAT CONSISTS OF HOLDING YOUR BREATH WITH WATER IN YOUR MOUTH WHILE TRYING TO FINISH A DUEL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE
MANAGED TO SHAKE OFF OUR INSECURITY AND IMPATIENCE.
EVEN SO... HIS ORIGINAL WAYS OF TRAINING
IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO AIM TO BECOME THE BEST IN JAPAN LIKE THE SUMO CLUBS IN THE OTHER SCHOOLS.
... IN THE BACK OF OUR HEADS, WE ALL THOUGHT
WE WERE STILL BEGINNERS AT SUMO.


BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING FEEDBACK FROM OUR BODIES... AND INSTINCTS.
... HIS EXPLANATIONS AREN'T ALWAYS 100% CLEAR BUT
THAT'S FINE.
WE KNOW THAT AS LONG AS WE FOLLOW HIM
WE WILL BECOME STRONGER...!

NO NO NO!
YOUR MOVEMENTS WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE!
IS IT THE SAME FOR HIM AS WELL...?


HAH
HAH
THERE ISN'T ANY SHORTCUT TO GETTING YOUR MOVES RIGHT.
YOU HAVE TO FIND THE RIGHT TIMING WITH YOUR BODY DURING A REAL BATTLE.
HE... EVEN LOST TO YOUR CAPTAIN...
DOESN'T HE FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT?
... JUST
LOOK AT HIS FACE.

DAMMIT
LET'S DO IT AGAIN!


I WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET STRONGER.
SO I WILL FOLLOW HIM
... IN THAT AREA, HE IS TRULY CAPABLE
THE THINGS THAT AN ATHLETE CAN DO AND THAT HE UNDERSTANDS
... IT'S SOMETHING I'VE NOTICED IN THE PAST.
BY FOLLOWING A SUPERIOR COACH ARE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL.

THEY HAVE TO POLISH THEIR FANGS IN ORDER TO WIN!!

. . . MY INDIVIDUAL SKILLS IN SUMO...

HE SAID TO GO TRAIN OUR INDIVIDUAL TRAITS ALONE, HUH...

. . . WE HAVE PERSONAL TRAINING TODAY

THAT BASTARD ...

I KNOW I SAID I'D DO ANYTHING...

. . . MAN

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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I NEGLECTED MY TRAINING, HUH...

WHAT KIND OF FACE AM I SUPPOSED TO MAKE WHEN I ENTER...

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY FALLEN ANGELS

... MY STRIKES ARE NOTHING MORE THAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL WITH MY BARE HANDS, HUH... WELL I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE THINGS HE HAS TO POLISH IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONGER ARE...
TO BE HONEST, WHEN I'M UP AGAINST THE OTHERS I CAN'T USE THE PROPER KARATE FORM.
— SO YOU'RE STILL A HALF ASSED KARATEKA AFTER ALL.
I GUESS YOU JUST BREEZED THROUGH KARATE WITH YOUR PHYSICAL SKILLS
AND THEN KISSED THEM GOODBYE ONCE YOU GOT YOUR BLACK BELT.
HE HIT THE MARK.
BUT THAT SMALL HINT OF KARATE THAT FLOWS INSIDE YOU
EVEN SURPRISED THE NATIONAL TREASURE "KUSANAGI".
THAT'S WHY GOJOU-SAN, YOU SHOULD STOP
BEING A THUG THAT USES KARATE
AND BECOME A FULL FLEDGED KARATE MASTER.

I REFUSE
YOU ARE NOT MY DISCIPLE ANYMORE, FURTHERMORE I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO TEACH TO A SMALL DELINQUENT LIKE YOU.

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TOTALLY REJECTED!!
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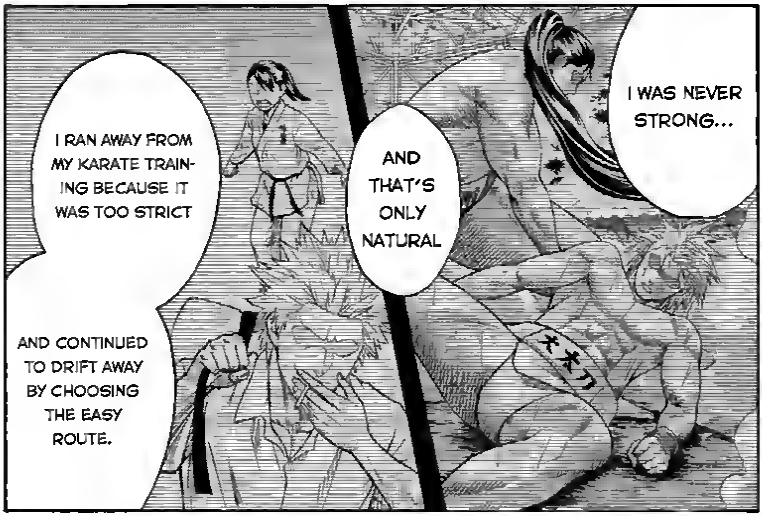
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT
YOU ENTERED THE SUMO CLUB, RIGHT?
T-THE POLICE...
HEY.. WAIT A MINUTE INSTRUCTOR TAKANI
AT LEAST HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!
IF YOU STEP IN HERE I WILL CALL THE POLICE.

DID YOU THINK THAT MAKING ONE OF YOUR JUNIORS APOLOGIZE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH?
.. SO?
I CLEARLY REJECTED HIM AS WELL.
THE OTHER DAY A HAIRY BOY WITH GLASSES CAME HERE. HE WAS ALL FORMAL AND ALSO BROUGHT ME A BOX OF CAKES TO ACCEPT THIS REQUEST.

TEACH ME KARATE AGAIN!
... PLEASE...

... IT'S TRUE THAT...
UNTIL NOW I HAVEN'T BEEN LIVING A STRAIGHT LIFE
... AND I REALIZED THAT WHEN I BEGAN TO PRACTICE SUMO

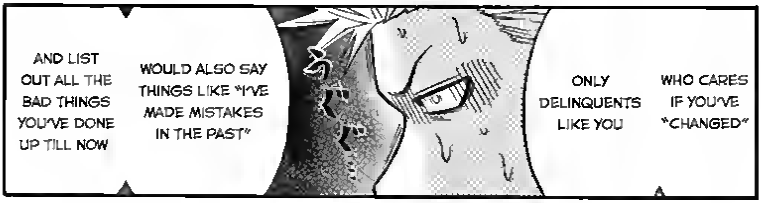

I WAS NEVER STRONG...
AND THAT'S ONLY NATURAL
I RAN AWAY FROM MY KARATE TRAINING BECAUSE IT WAS TOO STRICT
AND CONTINUED TO DRIFT AWAY BY CHOOSING THE EASY ROUTE.

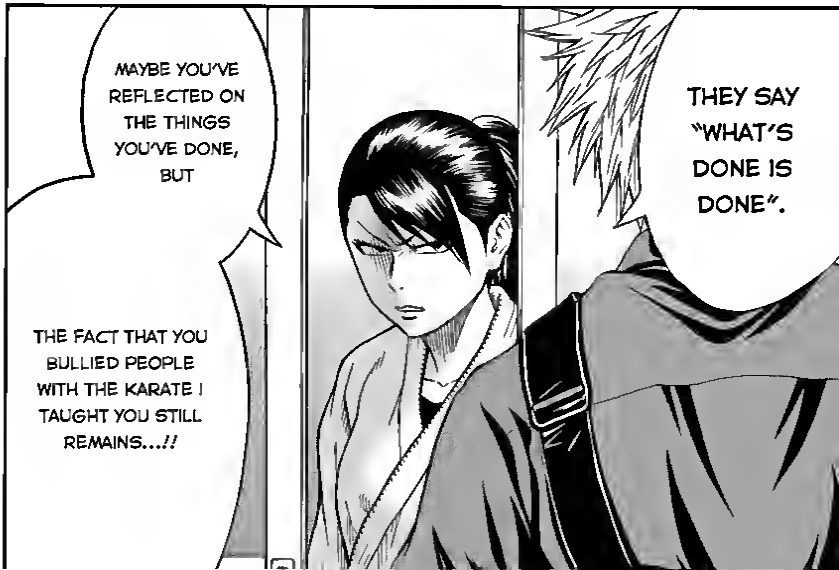
I THINK I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE STRONG
AND IT'S NOT THE PHYSICAL STRENGTH YOU MAKE A DISPLAY OF WHEN YOU SWAGGER ABOUT.
... I WANT TO BECOME STRONG...

I'VE STOPPED PICKING FIGHTS AND SMOKING
I'VE CHANGED...!
PLEASE!
TRAIN ME AGAIN!

.....
YOU KNOW I...
REALLY HATE THOSE STORIES ABOUT DELINQUENTS
TURNING OVER NEW LEAVES.
!?

THEY'RE SO TROUBLE-SOME
AND THE MOMENT THEY DO NORMAL THINGS LIKE THE OTHERS THEY WANT TO BE PRAISED.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
THE BEST PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO DO ORDINARY THINGS DILIGENTLY SINCE THE BEGINNING.


WHO CARES IF YOU'VE "CHANGED"
ONLY DELINQUENTS LIKE YOU
WOULD ALSO SAY THINGS LIKE "I'VE MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST"
AND LIST OUT ALL THE BAD THINGS YOU'VE DONE UP TILL NOW


THEY SAY "WHAT'S DONE IS DONE".
MAYBE YOU'VE REFLECTED ON THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE, BUT
THE FACT THAT YOU BULLIED PEOPLE WITH THE KARATE I TAUGHT YOU STILL REMAINS...!!

NOW GO AWAY, YOU'RE DISTURBING THE OTHER STUDENTS
REGRET ALL THE TIME YOU'VE WASTED ON YOUR OWN.

I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE IF YOU WON'T LET ME IN.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, I TOLD YOU I'LL NEVER LISTEN TO YOUR REQUEST.
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND SUCKLE YOUR MAMA'S TITS.
YOU GOOD LITTLE BOY!

... DAMMIT ALL
空手道 伸心館
無料体験受付中TEL
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE DOING NOTHING HERE...

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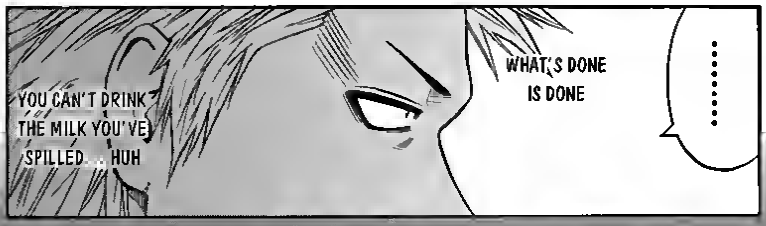
OSU!


WHAT'S DONE IS DONE
.....
YOU CAN'T DRINK THE MILK YOU'VE SPILLED... HUH

EH?
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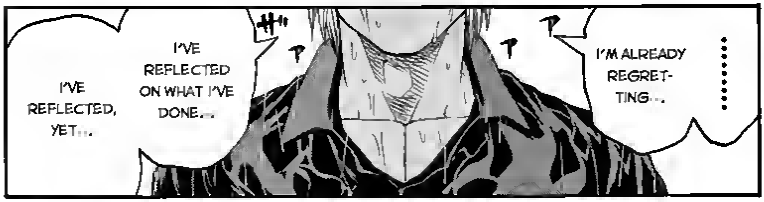
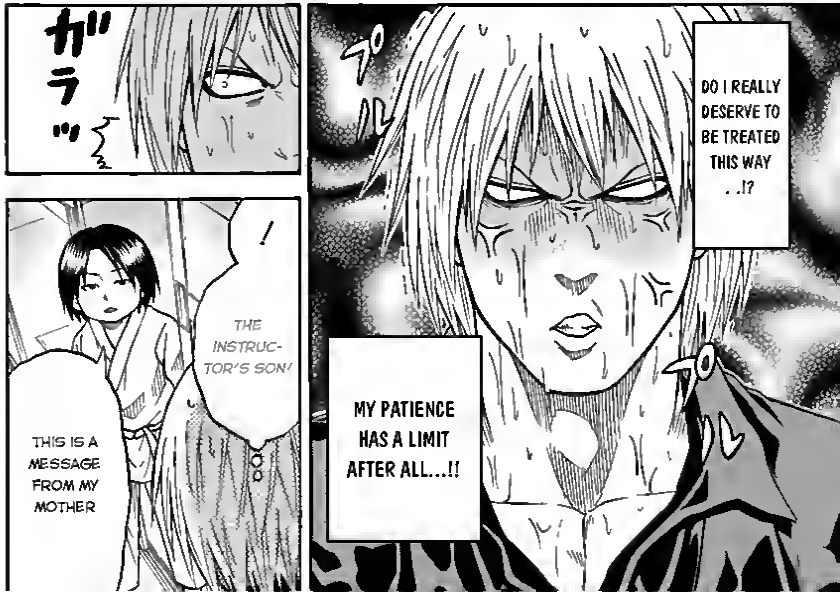
カラ
IT'S WASTED FOR A CLUB ON THE VERGE OF DISBANDING LIKE THE SUMO CLUB.
HEY, THIS LOOKS LIKE A QUITE BIG PLACE

HEY FAT ASS, GIVE ME THE KEYS, FROM NOW ON WE WILL USE THIS PLACE.
EH...? I CANNOT DO THAT...
AH? WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE COMPLAINTS?
AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A SHORT FUSE, SO IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO BE CAREFUL WITH WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY
.. SO WHAT WILL YOU DO? WILL YOU GIVE ME THE KEYS OR NOT?
O-OK ...
SHIT..

SEE YOU
SEE YOU TAKANI-SENSEI
BYE BYE


I'M ALREADY REGRET-TING...
I'VE REFLECTED ON WHAT I'VE DONE...
I'VE REFLECTED, YET...


DO I REALLY DESERVE TO BE TREATED THIS WAY...!?
MY PATIENCE HAS A LIMIT AFTER ALL...!!
THE INSTRUC-TOR'S SON!
THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM MY MOTHER

GUH...
GAH...
"IS THIS RAIN ALSO PART OF YOUR PLAY AS A POOR AND CONVERTED DELINQUENT?"
UNCLE, ARE YOU REALLY ABLE TO MAKE IT RAIN?
!!
THAT'S ALL
YOU FINALLY SHOW YOUR REAL SELF...
FUUH
FUUH

PLEASE!!
I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE!

I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO RETURN TO THEM WITH EMPTY HANDS!!
WHILE I WASTE TIME LIKE THIS THE OTHERS ARE BECOMING STRONGER, YET...

DOESN'T JUST AMOUNT TO SPILLING SOME MILK...
FURTHER-MORE THE NASTY THINGS I'VE DONE TO OTHERS
YOU CANNOT DRINK THE MILK YOU'VE SPILLED...
I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE TO PAY FOR MY MISTAKES!
...
THAT'S JUST YOUR...

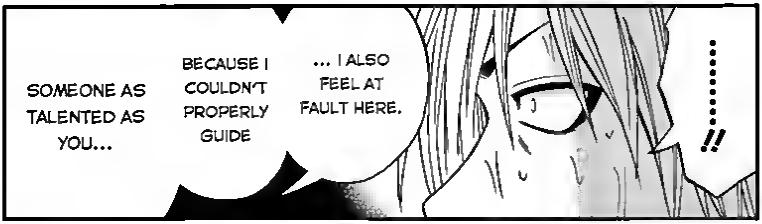
... THAT MIDGET...
GAVE SOMEONE LIKE ME
MY LAST CHANCE...!!

BOTH ME... AND OOZEKI ARE THIRD YEARS...
IF WE LOSE THE NEXT INTER HIGH TOURNAMENT, IT WILL BE THE LAST COMPETITION WE CAN ENTER.
AND I WILL DO ANYTHING TO GIVE BACK EVEN ONE DROP
OF THE MILK I MADE OOZEKI SPILL.

I WILL GIVE IT BACK TO HIM
WITH MY VICTORIES.
... WHY ME?
IF YOU GO TO OTHER KARATE DOJOS, YOU COULD BEGIN TO TRAIN WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ALL OF THIS.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU...
I WILL NOT CHOOSE THE EASY PATH ANYMORE...
.....
TO BE HONEST I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS RIGHT OR NOT, BUT...
THAT OOZEKI GUY MUST BE REALLY GENTLE.
... IT'S DIFFICULT TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGIVE YOU, RIGHT?
!?

CHANGE INTO YOUR DOGI
I WILL TEACH YOU... THE BEST KARATE MOVES
THAT CAN ALSO BE USED IN SUMO.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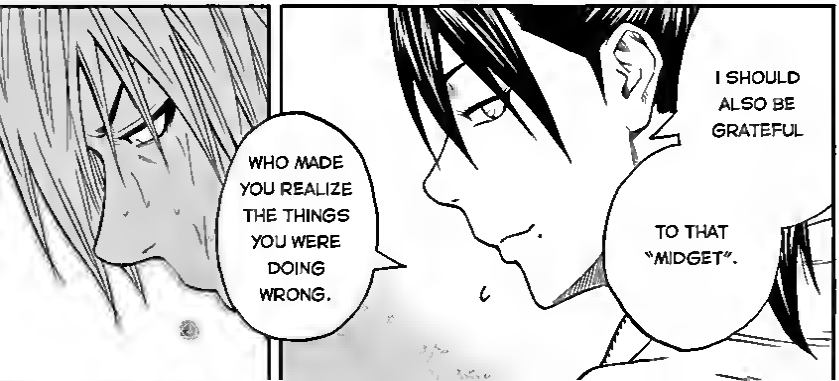
... I ALSO FEEL AT FAULT HERE.
BECAUSE I COULDN'T PROPERLY GUIDE
SOMEONE AS TALENTED AS YOU...


I SHOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL
TO THAT "MIDGET".
WHO MADE YOU REALIZE THE THINGS YOU WERE DOING WRONG.

... I FINALLY UNDERSTAND
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE THINGS I HAVE STOLEN...

.. BY THE WAY, I FEEL LIKE WE SUMO CLUB MEMBERS PROSTRATE A LITTLE TOO MUCH .
I WILL NOT WASTE A SINGLE SECONDS...!

FOR THE TIME BEING USE THE DAYS OFF TO POLISH YOUR PERSONAL ABILITIES.
THE CAPTAIN AND MITSUBASHI WILL GO WITH ME TO TRAIN AT NISHIGAMI HIGH.
KUNIZAKI-SAN WILL GO TO THE UNIVERSITY WRESTING CLUB THAT TOOK CARE OF HIM IN THE PAST.
GOJOU-SAN WILL GO TO A KARATE DOJO.

WHAT ABOUT ME?
... IN ORDER TO PERFECT YOUR TECHNIQUE
YOU NEED TO HAVE ONE ON ONE FIGHTS AGAINST HIGHER LEVEL OPPONENTS FOR THE TIME BEING.

... THAT SAID WE CAN'T HAVE YOU GOING TO OTHER HIGH SCHOOL SUMO CLUBS AND SHOWING THEM YOUR SKILLS.
THEREFORE GO TO THIS ADDRESS
I ALREADY TOLD THEM ABOUT YOU.

.....
... THAT KIRITO BASTARD... HE REALLY DOES FLASHY THINGS...
THIS IS...

次号、Cカラーで新シリーズ開幕！
プロの胸を借りて飛躍なるか…!?

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY FALLEN ANGELS

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HE WILL BREAK FROM HIS SHELL

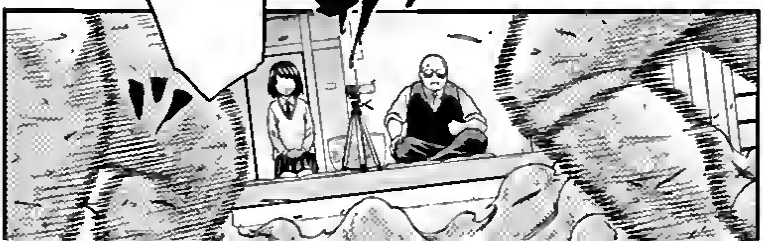
Round 41: THE SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE

WHILE PRAC-TICING WITH THE PEOPLE HE ADMIRES

KAWADA

柴木山部屋
SIGN: SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE
huh
huh
COME ON NOW, FIGHT!!

HEY!!



BUT I CAN FEEL THE MOTIVATION EVEN FROM LOW RANK WRES-TLERS..
IT'S TRUE THAT THIS IS NOT A BIG STABLE...
IP
SO THIS IS THE SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE KNOWN FOR TRAINING SUMOS TO REACH THE SECOND OR FIRST SPOT IN THE PRO WORLD HUH

SEKIWAKE: SUMO WRESTLER OF THE THIRD HIGHEST RANK

THE STABLE MASTER OF SHIBAKIYAMA... A FORMER SEKIWAKE KAORUYAMA
HE HAS SHARP EYES... THE PRESSURE HE GIVES HASN T CHANGED SINCE THE TIME HE WAS AN ACTIVE WRESTLER...

I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE SO GENTLE...
!!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU PULLED YOUR CHIN IN A LITTLE MORE!
YES! THAT'S A GOOD HIT!
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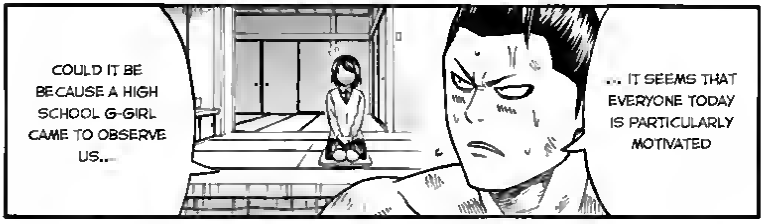
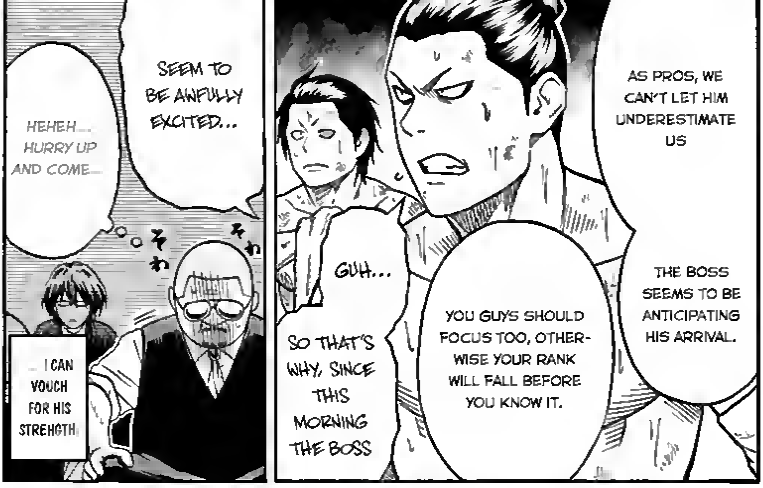
MUH...!


COULD IT BE BECAUSE A HIGH SCHOOL G-GIRL CAME TO OBSERVE US...
... IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE TODAY IS PARTICULARLY MOTIVATED

SUPER CLASS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER?!
HE IS A "SUPER CLASS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER" AND ALSO AN IMPORTANT ATHLETE
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THAT TODAY, A NEW GUY WILL BE COMING HERE TO TRAIN FOR A DAY?
HAHAH, SURE THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS BUT...


SEEM TO BE AWFULLY EXCITED...
HEHEH... HURRY UP AND COME...
そわ
... I CAN VOUCH FOR HIS STRENGTH!
AS PROS, WE CAN'T LET HIM UNDERESTIMATE US
THE BOSS SEEMS TO BE ANTICIPATING HIS ARRIVAL.
GUH...
SO THAT'S WHY, SINCE THIS MORNING THE BOSS
YOU GUYS SHOULD FOCUS TOO, OTHERWISE YOUR RANK WILL FALL BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

A FUTURE HOPE FOR THE WORLD OF SUMO...
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE ENTERS OUR STABLE NO MATTER WHAT!!
ONE DAY HE WILL CARRY THE WORLD OF SUMO OVER HIS SHOULDERS
YOU SHOULD EXPECT MANY THINGS FROM HIM.

ゴク…
MUH! ENTER!!
STABLE MASTER, I'VE COME TO VISIT...

SORRY FOR BEING LATE!
I GOT LOST ON MY WAY HERE...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME FOR TODAY!

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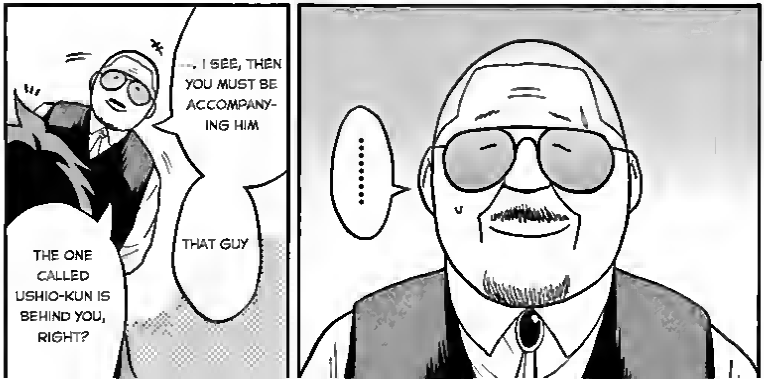
THE ONE CALLED USHIO-KUN IS BEHIND YOU, RIGHT?
THAT GUY
... I SEE, THEN YOU MUST BE ACCOMPANY-ING HIM
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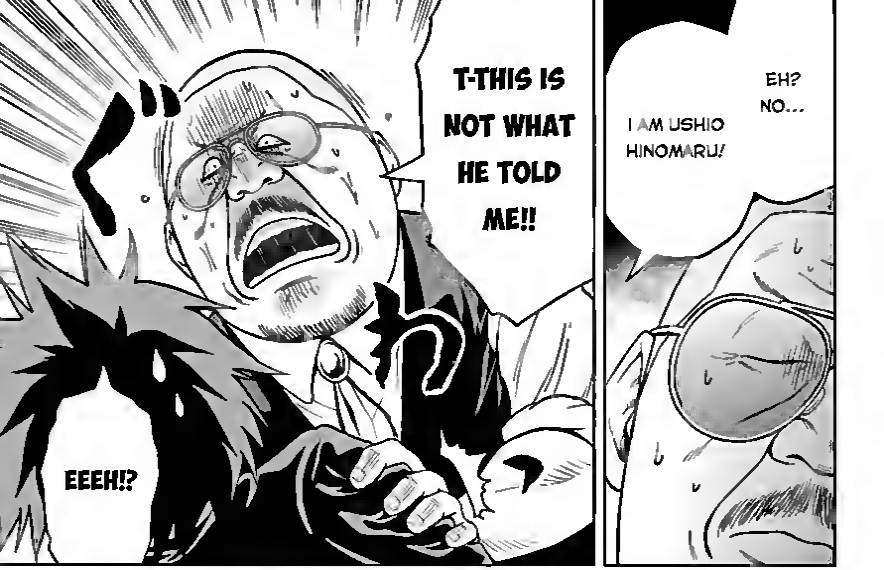
T-THIS IS NOT WHAT HE TOLD ME!!
EEEH!?
EH? NO...
I AM USHIO HINOMARU!

152, huh. I see...
eeek!?
I AM 152 CM TALL!
when I still fought I was considered of small stature but how tall... are you..?
y-you know you.

HE'S NOT MUCH TALLER THAN ME
152...
YES! I WILL CHANGE MYSELF IMMEDIATELY!
Be careful not to get hurt
...well, enjoy yourself today

AH... LOOK AT THE BOSS.
しょんぼり…
YOU CAN JUST TELL HOW DISAPPOINTED HE IS...
WELL IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. HAVE YOU SEEN THE BOY WHO CAME...
WE ONLY ACCEPT DISCIPLES WHO ARE MORE THAN 167 CM TALL, RIGHT?
HE CAN'T BECOME A PRO IF HE DOESN'T GET TALLER.
I CAN SEE THAT HE'S TRAINED HIS BODY
BUT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIM IF HE'S NOT EVEN ABLE TO ENTER OUR STABLE.
BUT SINCE HE'S HERE TODAY
WE MIGHT AS WELL...

KEEP HIM COMPANY...
OOOH! THAT'S SOME NICE FOOTWORK!
YOUR NAME IS USHIO-KUN, RIGHT?
I AM TERAHARA.
I WAS A JUNIOR HIGH SUMO WRESTLER IN THE PAST AS WELL.
YOU'RE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL RIGHT? SO DID YOU ENTER THE KANTO NEWCOMER TOURNAMENT?
HOW DID IT GO?
I WAS IN THE BEST 16!
AH... YES
HOOH! BEST 16, HUH..
OH... WELL...

THREE YEARS AGO I GOT THE THIRD SPOT IN THAT SAME TOURNAMENT!
I SEE, THEN YOU HAVE GOOD SKILLS DESPITE YOUR HEIGHT.
DON'T HOLD BACK!
TODAY I WILL ACT AS YOUR SENIOR AND TRAIN WITH YOU!
YES!
Puuh
A SUMO STABLE... IN OTHER WORDS AN INSTITUTION TO DEVELOP PRO WRESTLERS
QUITE A FAR PLACE FOR SOMEONE WITH MY HEIGHT... THIS WILL BE A PRECIOUS EXPERIENCE...
... MY BODY IS STILL A LITTLE STIFF.
GUESS I'M STILL QUITE NERVOUS AFTER ALL...
.....
... HOWEVER ... THIS IS...

OOOH!
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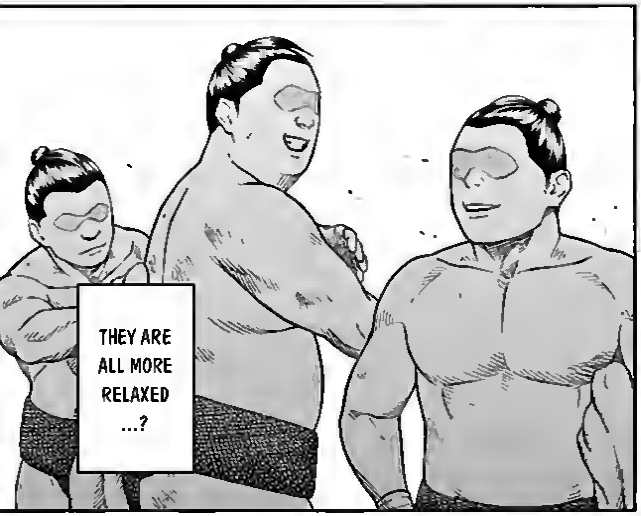
THEY ARE ALL MORE RELAXED ...?

IT SEEMS LIKE SINCE USHIO-KUN CAME HERE...

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT AFTER ALL.
GEEZ IT'S GONNA BE SO DULL TRAINING WITH HIM IF I CAN'T GO ALL OUT.

Haa

SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE IS TOO STRICT. THEY HAVE OUTDATED AND CRUEL TRAINING METHODS. IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T TRAIN THERE.
WHAT IF THAT BOY WRITES SOMEWHERE THAT THIS PLACE IS TOO STRICT IF HE IS NOT ACCEPTED HERE?
AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN SHARE INFORMATION
HE'D SPARK A FLAME ON THE INTERNET IN MERE SECONDS.
THIS IS A "WELCOME TRAINING". IF YOU FIGHT WITH HIM WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, THAT BOY MIGHT NOT COME HERE EVER AGAIN.
BUT NOW WE LIVE IN A TIME WHERE YOUNG BOYS WOULD NEVER COME TO TRAIN HERE IN SUCH CONDITIONS. .
THEY SAY THAT HE WOULD WALK AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHILE WIELDING A BAMBOO SWORD.
I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT THE STABLE MASTER MORE STRICT IN THE PAST.
.....
LET'S HAVE HIM ENJOY HIMSELF BEFORE HE GOES HOME...
IT'S HARD TO FIND A BOY WHO LIKES SUMO THAT MUCH IN THIS DAY AND AGE.

AND THE NAME OF THE GAME THAT WILL GRANT THE RIGHT OF CHALLENGE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO THE KIDS WHO SWING BY FOR THE INITIATION IS
?
.. BUT BEFORE THAT LET'S PLAY A FUN LITTLE GAME
DO YOU WANT TO TRY?
FINISH THE WARM UP SOON AND COME OVER IN THE RING
USHIO-KUN!
YES!

!?
Remember to push your opponent!!
The shibakiyama stable game
THE SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE PUSHING CHALLENGE!!

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タンブラー
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トラップ
THE HIGHER THE RANK OF YOUR OPPONENT, THE BETTER THE GOODS ARE!!
IF YOU WIN YOU GET SPECIAL SHIBAKIYAMA STABLE GOODIES!
THE GIST OF THE GAME IS TO STOP YOUR OPPONENT'S CHARGE AND SWING HIM DOWN UNTIL YOU PUSH HIM OUT OF THE RING!

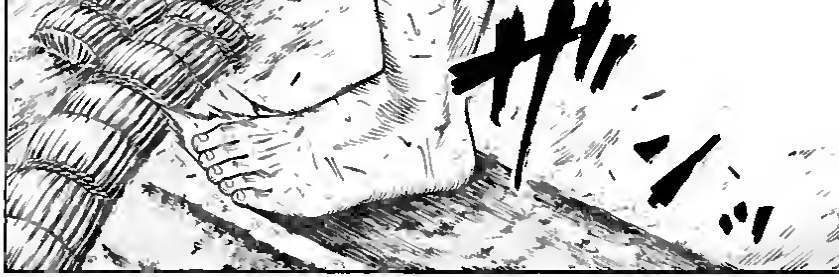
.....
OK!
TERA-HARA!
OK, THEN WE WILL BEGIN FROM THE LOWEST RANKED ONE.
WOW...!

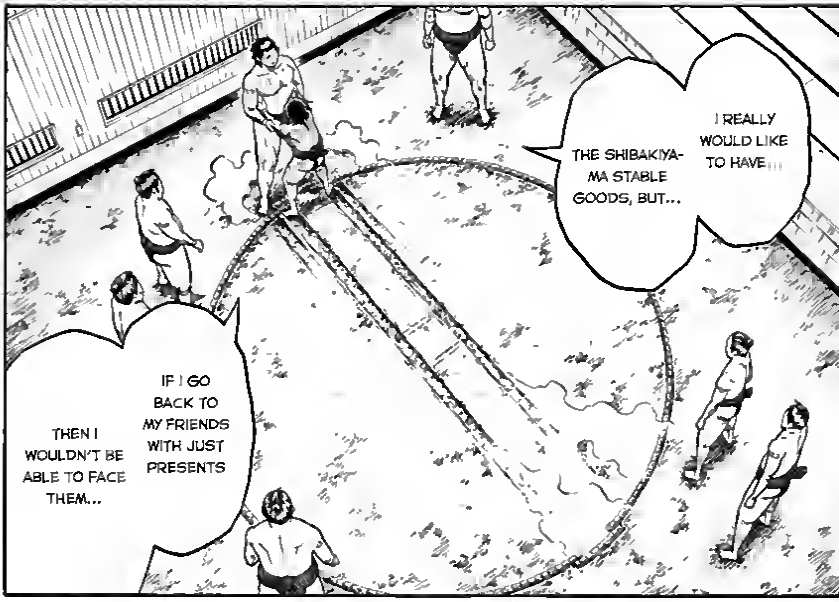
DO YOUR BEST, USHIO-KUN!
HAHAHAH, THERE IS SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN PHYSIQUE.
ISN'T IT BETTER TO MAKE HIM FIGHT AGAINST THE LIGHTER WRESTERS FIRST THAN GOING WITH THE RANK?

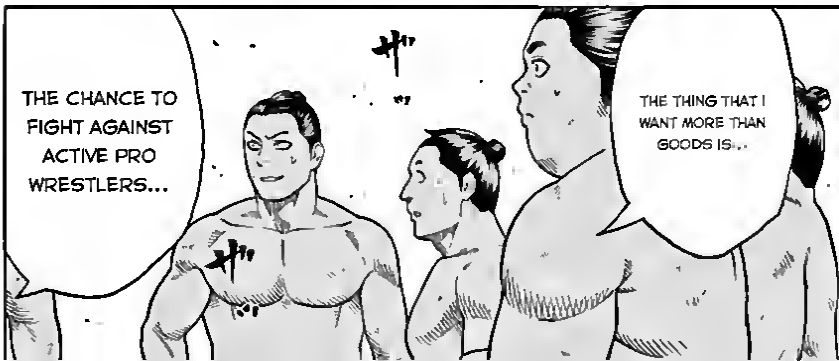
I'LL LET YOU WORK UP SOME SWEAT BEFORE DROPPING MYSELF OUT.
you can do it! Just a little more!
Uhh
BUT WE CAN'T HAVE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON US TOO MUCH.
... THIS COMPETITION IS JUST A FARCE ANYWAY. WE'LL LET YOU DEFEAT EVERY-ONE IN THE END. .

TERA-CHAN
EH?
...
... EH?
IT'S BEST YOU GO ALL OUT...
HERE I COME!
Y-YES!
!

MUOOH!!
GUH!
OH MAN, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...!?




I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE...
THE SHIBAKIYA-MA STABLE GOODS, BUT...
IF I GO BACK TO MY FRIENDS WITH JUST PRESENTS
THEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FACE THEM...


THE THING THAT I WANT MORE THAN GOODS IS...
THE CHANCE TO FIGHT AGAINST ACTIVE PRO WRESTLERS...

PLEASE! GIVE ME...
THE TRUE SHIBAKIYA-MA STABLE TRAINING!

SFX: SMIRK!

HE PREFERS TO TRAIN IN HELL THAN TO PLAY AROUND IN WARM WATER!!
HINOMARU ZUMOU
ROUND 41 / END
IN THE NEXT ISSUE, THE SHIBAYAKI STABLE'S "STAR" APPEARS IN FRONT OF HINOMARU!?

RAW PROVIDER
FA

REDRAWER
Awakened Darkness

TRANSLATOR
Aegon

CLEANER
ManhHai090

PROOFREADER
K-Sakai

QUALITY CHECKER
Kyou Kai

TYPESETTER
Kyou Kai

DESIGNER
Axhtz

PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING THIS MANGA TO SUPPORT THE AUTHOR WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY!

042 HINOMARU ZUMOU

BY KAWADA

INCREDIBLE .. SO HE'S GONNA TRAIN WITH THE PROS..
AS EXPECTED OF HIM!
THE BEST THING HE CAN DO IS TRAIN WITH THE PROS...
... CONSIDERING USHIO'S CURRENT STRENGTH
KAWADA

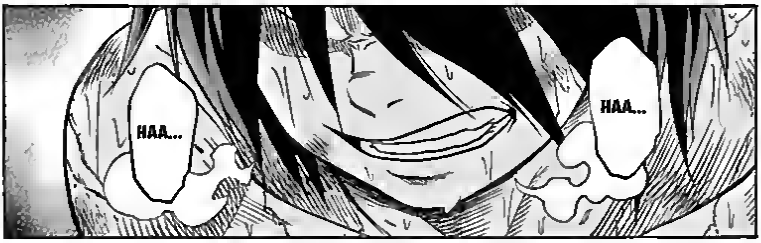
Round 42: TO TAKE LIGHTLY

BUT OF ALL THE STABLES, WHY DID HE CHOOSE SHIBA-KIYAMA STABLE?
... ONE REASON IS JUST THE SHEER AMOUNT OF TRAINING YOU GET THERE, EVEN WHEN COMPARED TO THE OTHER STABLES
THE MASTER OF THAT PLACE IS KNOWN FOR PUTTING AN INSANE AMOUNT OF EFFORT EVER SINCE HE WAS YOUNG...

THE STABLE MASTER OF SHIBAKIYAMA ... THE FORMER SEKIWAKE KAORUYAMA
FROM HIS FIERCE AND NOISY FIGHTING STANCE, HE HAS BEEN FEARED BY THE NICK-NAME "FIRECRACKER"
THOUGH HE WASN'T BLESSED WITH PHYSIQUE, WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS, HE GRADUALLY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF WITH HIS STEADY EFFORTS.
AND EVENMADE YAMATOKUNI SUFFER DURING HIS GOLDEN AGE...

HE FOCUSED ON STRAIGHT MATCHES DESPITE HIS SMALL BUILD
ALWAYS ATTACKING HIS OPPONENT STRAIGHT ON IN EVERY SINGLE MATCH.
... DOESN'T THAT REMIND YOU OF SOMEONE WE KNOW?

I WONDER HOW KAORUYAMA WILL FEEL WHEN HE SEES HINOMARU'S SUMO...
AND PLUS
THERE IS "THAT" WRESTLER IN SHIBAKI YAMA STABLE...


HAA...
HAA...

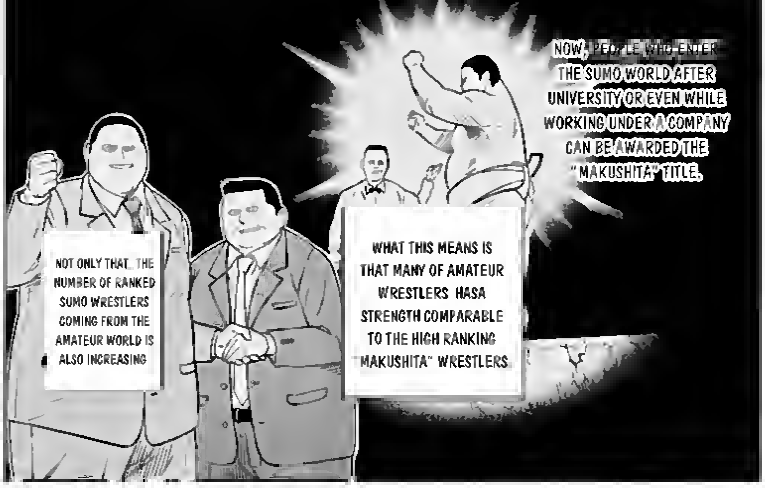
... WE CALL THIS INTENSE TRAINING,
BUT THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY TRAINING WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
NEVERTHELESS, MANY PEOPLE GAVE UP AND LEFT ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALSO ...
ONE OF THOSE HIGHSCHOOL SUMO WRESTLERS WITH NO RESOLUTION ...

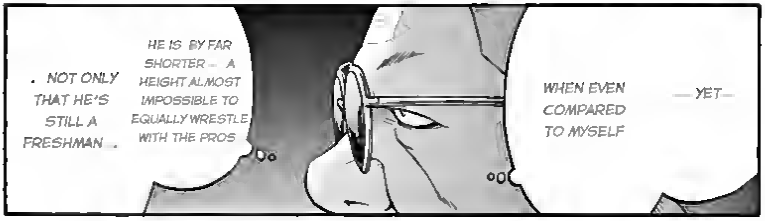
... HE DOESN'T BREAK AGAINST EVEN THE PROS..
ON THE CONTRARY HE...

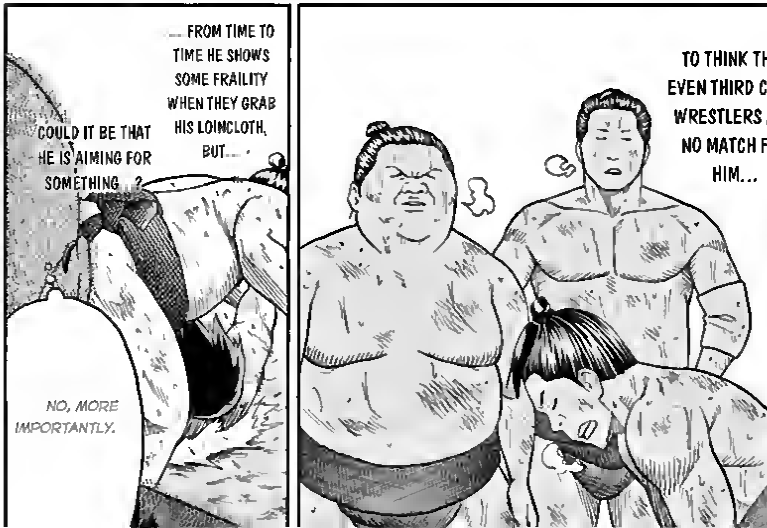
... THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU GUYS! STAND BACK!
YES...!

IN THE PAST MOST PEOPLE WOULD ENTER THE SUMO WORLD WITHOUT EVER ATTENDING HIGHSCHOOL
HOWEVER TIME HASCHANGED AND AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WRESTLE IN HIGH SCHOOL INCREASED
THE DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH BETWEEN PROSAND AMATEURS IS BECOMING REALLY THIN

USHIO HINOMARU...!
WE APOLOGIZE ... FOR UNDERESTIMATING YOU...

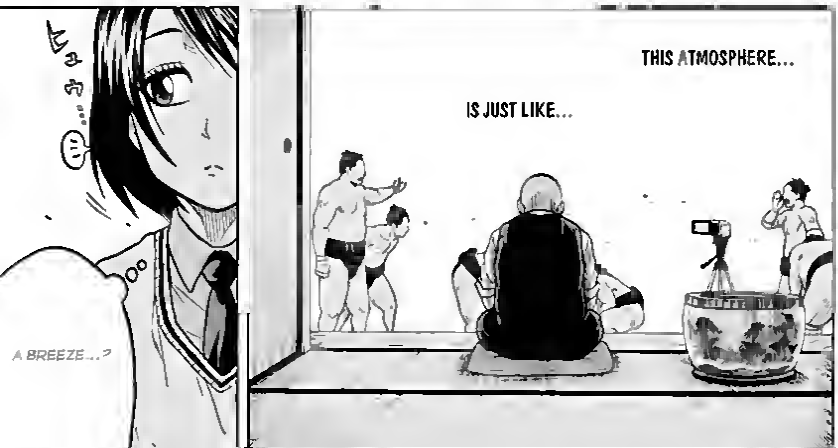

NOW, PEOPLE WHO ENTER THE SUMO WORLD AFTER UNIVERSITY OR EVEN WHILE WORKING UNDER A COMPANY CAN BE AWARDED THE "MAKUSHITA" TITLE.
WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT MANY OF AMATEUR WRESTLERS HAS A STRENGTH COMPARABLE TO THE HIGH RANKING "MAKUSHITA" WRESTLERS.
NOT ONLY THAT, THE NUMBER OF RANKED SUMO WRESTLERS COMING FROM THE AMATEUR WORLD IS ALSO INCREASING

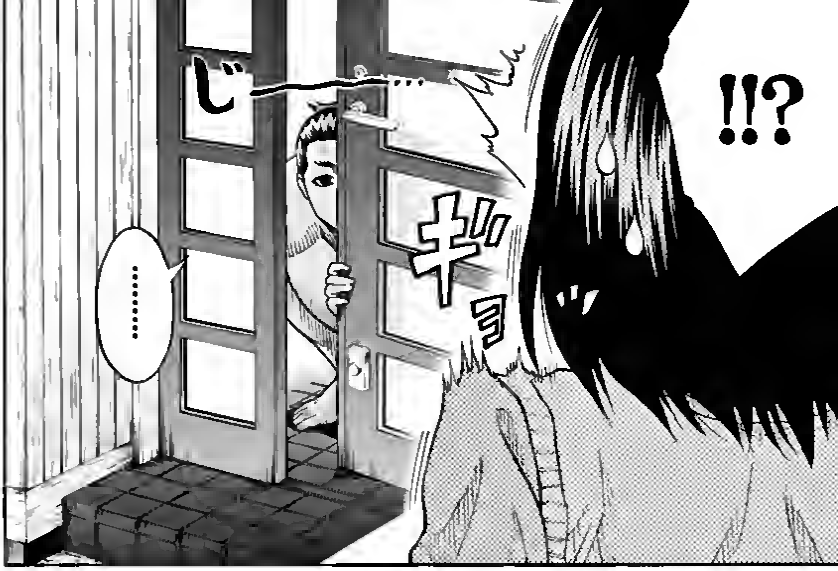

. NOT ONLY THAT HE'S STILL A FRESHMAN ..
HE IS BY FAR SHORTER — A HEIGHT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO EQUALLY WRESTLE WITH THE PROS
WHEN EVEN COMPARED TO MYSELF
— YET —


... FROM TIME TO TIME HE SHOWS SOME FRAILITY WHEN THEY GRAB HIS LOINCLOTH, BUT... .
COULD IT BE THAT HE IS AIMING FOR SOMETHING ?
NO, MORE IMPORTANTLY.
TO THINK THAT EVEN THIRD CLASS WRESTLERS ARE NO MATCH FOR HIM...

WHAT ARE THOSE GLITTER IN HIS EYES...?
PLEASE, ONCE MORE!!

AND THE RING IS BEING ENVELOPED IN HEAT...
HIS ENTHUSIASM IS RADIATING TO THE OTHERS
ALRIGHT! COME ON!!


THIS ATMOSPHERE...
IS JUST LIKE...
A BREEZE...?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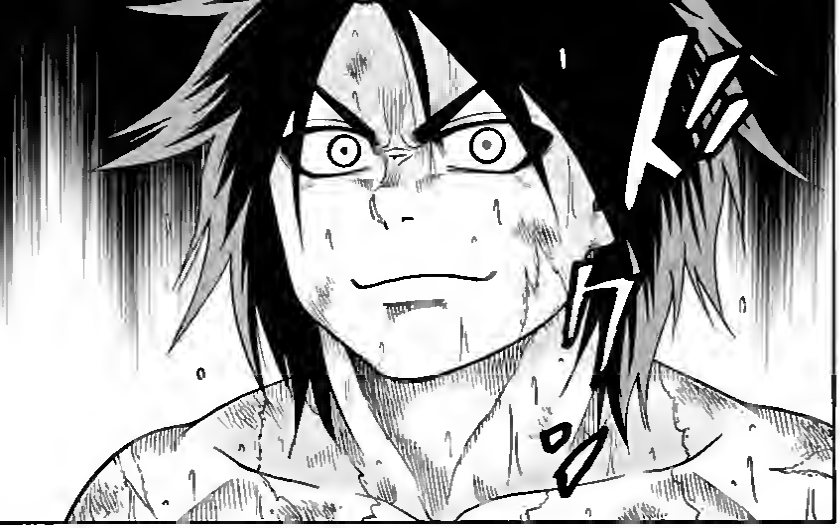
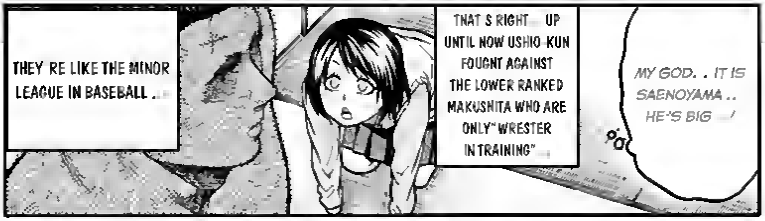
WHO IS HE?
THAT SMALL GUY AT THE CENTER OF THE RING.
AH... DO YOU MEAN USHIO-KUN?
HE'S HERE TO PRACTICE WITH US FOR A DAY. A FRESHMAN.

OH YES, I REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT THAT
BUT SINCE HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A HIGHSCHOOL STUDENT...
... ANYWAY, HE HAS SKILLS.
YEAH, HE'SREALLY STRONG...
UMMM IS THIS PERSON NOT GONNA JOIN THE PRACTICE... HEY WAIT. .?
HEY NORI-CHAN!
QUIT HIDING BEHIND THAT DOOR
HURRY UP AND JOIN!
OH MY, YOU NOTICED ME.
I'LL COME IN RIGHT NOW.
IT WAS JUST THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SO GOOD
I DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK IT.

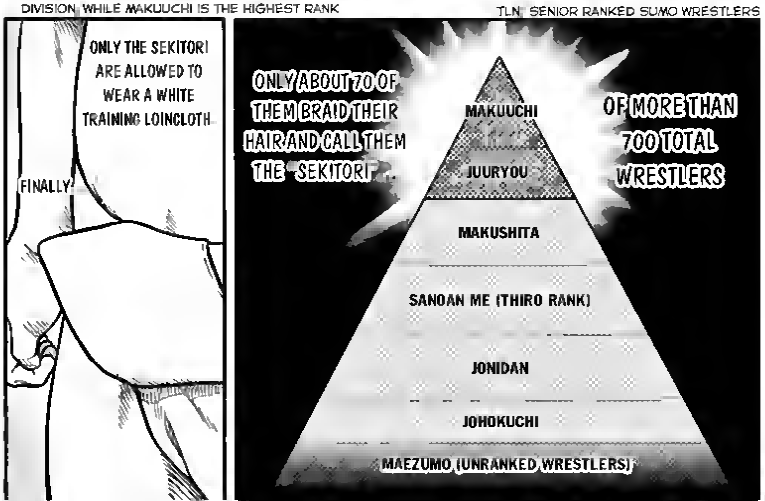
MAEGASHIRA (前頭) IS THE LOWEST OF FIVE RANKS IN THE TOP MAKUUCHI DIVISION ALL THE MAKUUCHI WRESTLERS WHO ARE NOT RANKED IN SAN'YAKU ARE RANKED AS MAEGASHIRA, NUMBERED FROM ONE AT THE TOP DOWNWARDS. IN EACH RANK THERE ARE TWO WRESTLERS. THE HIGHER RANKED IS DESIGNATED AS "EAST" AND THE LOWER AS "WEST". SO NO. 1 EAST IS TREATED AS A HIGHER RANK THAN NO. 1 WEST, AND SO ON



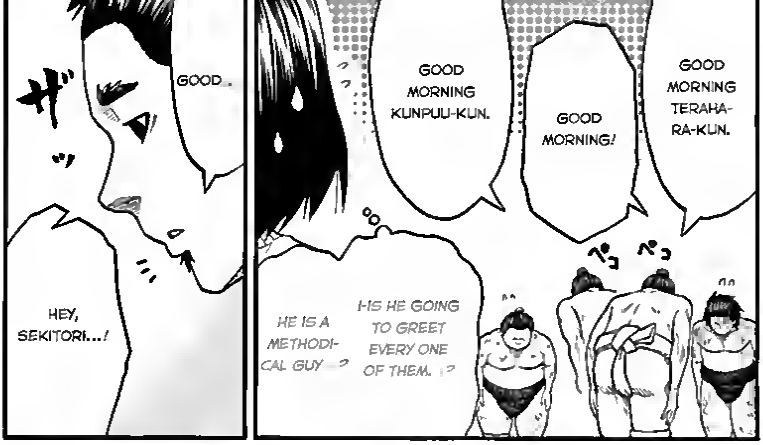

THEY RE LIKE THE MINOR LEAGUE IN BASEBALL ..
THAT S RIGHT UP UNTIL NOW USHIO KUN FOUGHT AGAINST THE LOWER RANKED MAKUSHITA WHO ARE ONLY "WRESTER IN TRAINING"
MY GOD. . IT IS SAENOYAMA .. HE'S BIG !

JUURYOU WRESTLERS OF THE SECOND HIGHEST SUMO DIVISION, WHILE MAKUUCHI IS THE HIGHEST RANK

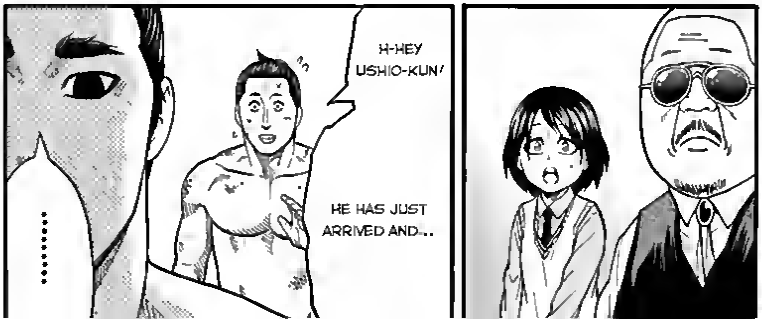
TLN: SENIOR RANKED SUMO WRESTLERS


ONLY THE SEKITORI ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR A WHITE TRAINING LOINCLOTH
FINALLY
ONLY ABOUT 70 OF THEM BRAID THEIR HAIR AND CALL THEM THE "SEKITORI" ..
OF MORE THAN 700 TOTAL WRESTLERS
MAKUUCHI
JUURYOU
MAKUSHITA
SANOAN ME (THIRO RANK)
JONIDAN
JOHOKUCHI
MAEZUMO (UNRANKED WRESTLERS)

HE IS GOING TO FACE THE TOP-LEVEL PROFESSIONALS...!
USHIO-KUN!
HEHE-HEH...
THE TRAINING ATMOSPHERE THAT USHIO-KUN CREATED
RESEMBLED THAT OF A TRAINING PLACE WHERE A SEKITORI IS PRESENT...
THEY BECAME EVEN MORE TENSE...
BUT NOW THAT A REAL SEKITORI HAS COME
GOOD MORNING STABLE MASTER.
RIGHT
THANKS YOU FOR EARLIER.
GOOD MORNING
I AM THE GUEST HERE, AFTER ALL.
EH, AH, DON'T WORRY


GOOD.
HEY, SEKITORI...!
GOOD MORNING KUNPUU-KUN.
GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING TERAHA-RA-KUN.
HE IS A METHODI-CAL GUY...?
HIS HE GOING TO GREET EVERY ONE OF THEM...!?

PLEASE HAVE...
THE FIRST MATCH WITH ME!!


H-HEY USHIO-KUN!
HE HAS JUST ARRIVED AND...

I AM BRIMMING WITH CURIOSITY.
THOUGH I MAY ACT LIKE THIS...
IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE.
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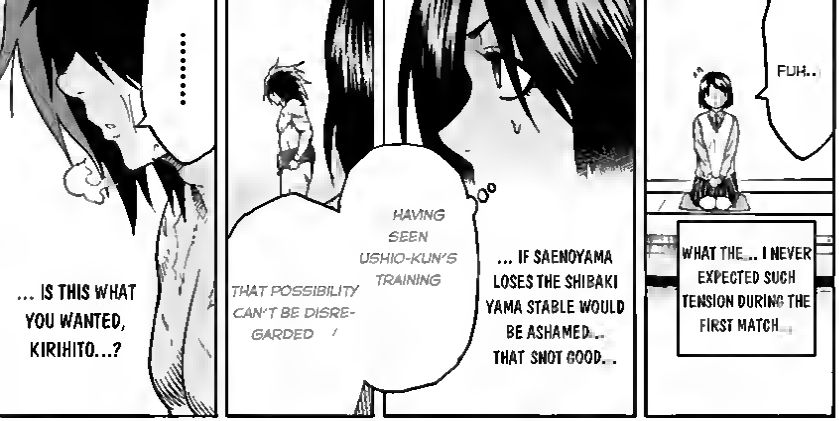
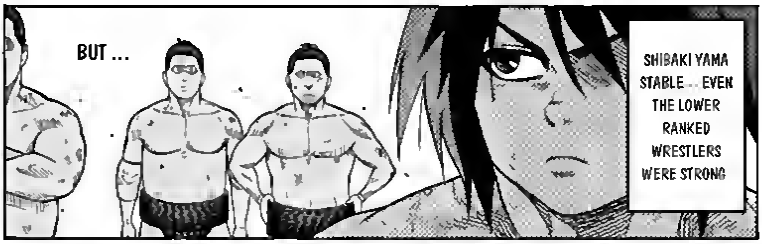
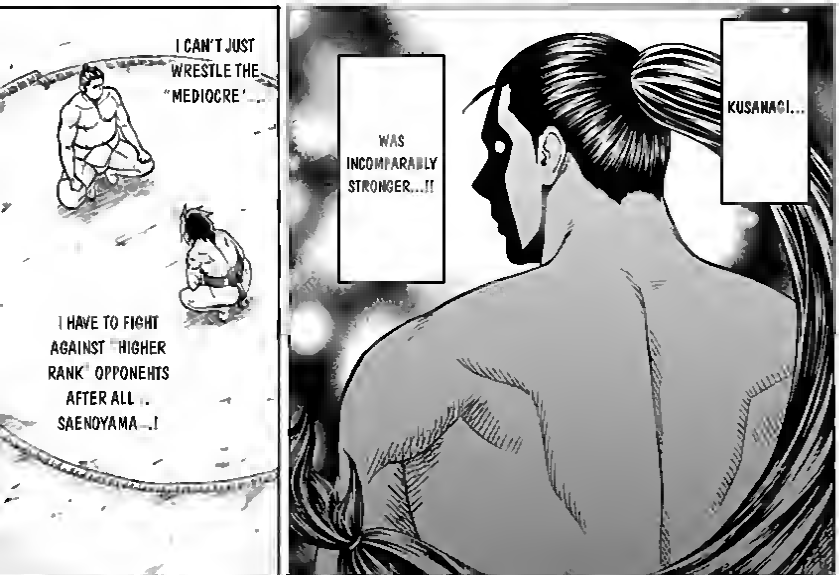
EH!? WHA? SEKITORI!?


FUH..
WHAT THE... I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH TENSION DURING THE FIRST MATCH...
... IF SAENOYAMA LOSES THE SHIBAKI YAMA STABLE WOULD BE ASHAMED... THAT SHOT GOOD...
HAVING SEEN USHIO-KUN'S TRAINING
THAT POSSIBILITY CAN'T BE DISREGARDED
... IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED, KIRIHITO...?


SHIBAKI YAMA STABLE... EVEN THE LOWER RANKED WRESTLERS WERE STRONG
BUT ...


I CAN'T JUST WRESTLE THE "MEDIOCRE"...
I HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST "HIGHER RANK" OPPONENTS AFTER ALL... SAENOYAMA...!
KUSANAGI...
WAS INCOMPARABLY STRONGER...!!

BEGIN!!
SHOW ME THE STRENGTH...
OF A PRO...!
!?
HEH...
IT'S TRUE THAT WE UNDERESTIMATED YOU
... BUT YOU DID THE SAME...
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WHY IS HE NOT MOVING!?

... THIS IS IT...
O-...
ONE MORE MATCH, PLEASE!
THIS IS WHY I CAME HERE!
THE BOTTOMLESS "HIGHER RANK" HE WAS SEARCHING FOR!!
DON'T TAKE THE PRO LIGHTLY.
YOU BRAT

RAW PROVIDER
FA

REDRAWER
Awakened Darkness

TRANSLATOR
Aegon

CLEANER
ManhHai090

PROOFREADER
K-Sakai

QUALITY CHECKER
Kyou Kai

TYPESETTER
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PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING THIS MANGA TO SUPPORT THE AUTHOR WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY!

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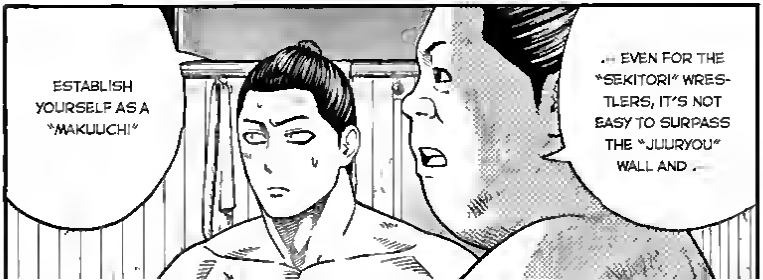
BY KAWADA

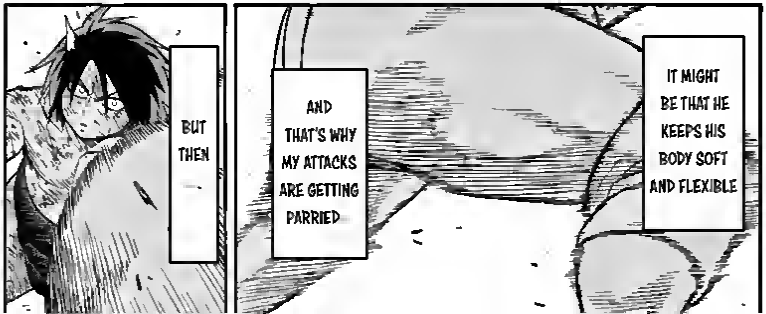
Round 43: FLAME AND WATER

... THERE WAS SUCH A BIG GAP
... SO THIS IS...
A "MAKUUCHI WRESTLER"...!!


... EVEN FOR THE "SEKITORI" WRESTLERS, IT'S NOT EASY TO SURPASS THE "JUURYOU" WALL AND ...
ESTABLISH YOURSELF AS A "MAKUUCHI"

LESS THAN ONE TENTH OF THE RANKED WRESTLERS EVER MAKE IT TO JUURYOU TO BEGIN WITH... IN ORDER TO RAISE ANOTHER RANK, YOU MUST BE A "GENIUS" OR A "MONSTER"
THAT'S WHAT SANOYAMAZEKI IS, A MONSTER!!

TLN: THE "ZEKI" PART COMES FROM THE FACT THAT HE IS A "SEKITORI"



IN INSTANTLY...

HE CAN BECOME INCREDIBLY POWERFUL!
THAT'S WHAT MY MASTER HAS TAUGHT ME
"BE LIKE WATER"
BY FREELY CHANGING FORM
I CAN DEAL FATAL BLOWS QUICKER.
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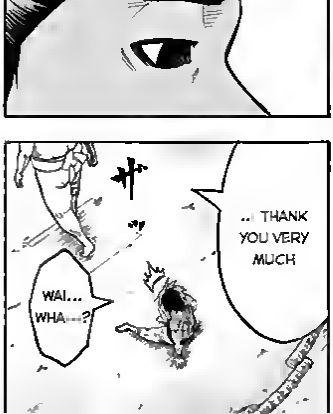
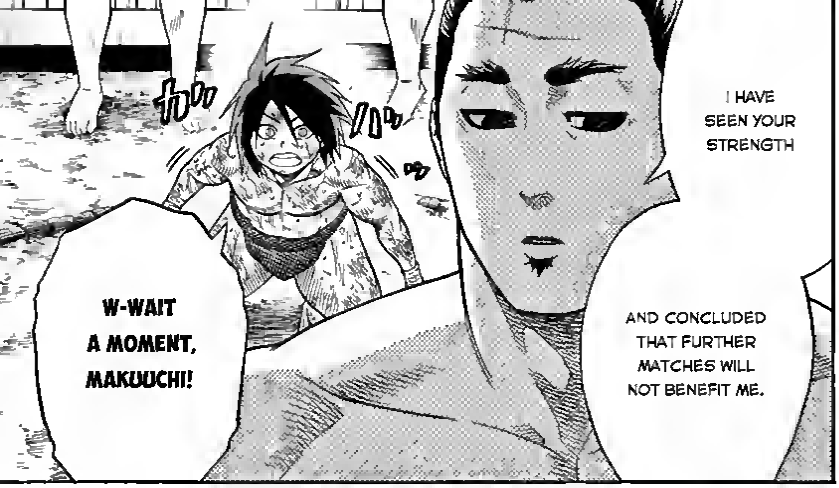
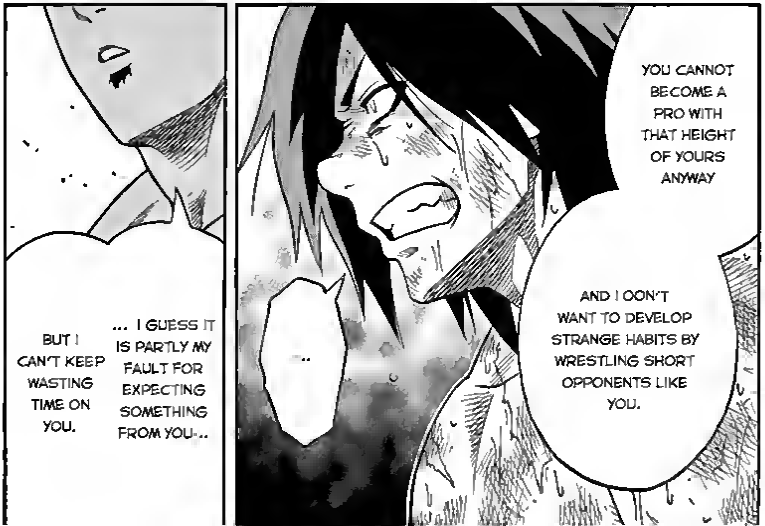

... THANK YOU VERY MUCH
WAI... WHA...?

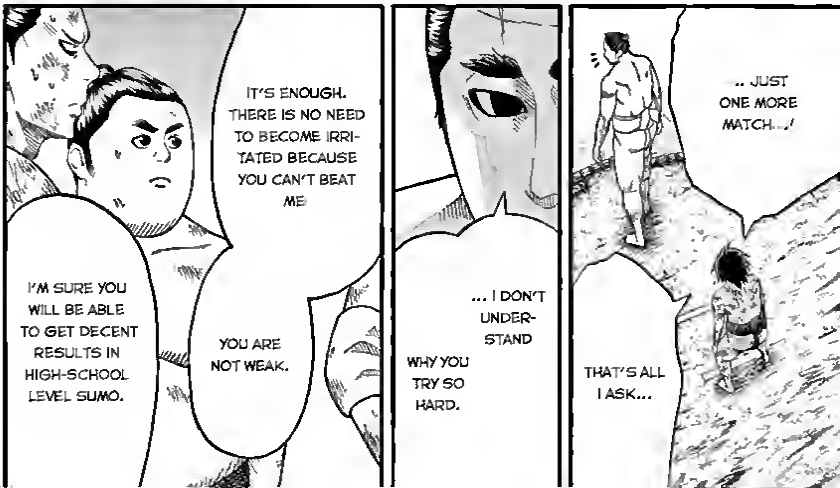
YOUR SUMO ONLY BURNS BRIGHTLY LIKE FLAMES
IF I SHOULD PRAISE IT, IT WOULD BE "HEROIC"...
BUT IF I HAD TO CRITICIZE IT, IT WOULD BE "CRUDE".


I HAVE SEEN YOUR STRENGTH
AND CONCLUDED THAT FURTHER MATCHES WILL NOT BENEFIT ME.
W-WAIT A MOMENT, MAKUUCHI!

I THOUGHT THAT I COULD DEVISE SOME KIND OF COUNTER-PLAN AGAINST SMALL BUILD OPPONENTS, BUT..
YOU ARE FAR TOO SMALL


YOU CANNOT BECOME A PRO WITH THAT HEIGHT OF YOURS ANYWAY
AND I DON'T WANT TO DEVELOP STRANGE HABITS BY WRESTLING SHORT OPPONENTS LIKE YOU.
...
... I GUESS IT IS PARTLY MY FAULT FOR EXPECTING SOMETHING FROM YOU...
BUT I CAN'T KEEP WASTING TIME ON YOU.

I HAVE A GOAL I MUST REACH
... TO BECOME THE YOKOZUNA.
THIS IS THE DUTY THAT HE ENTRUSTED ME WITH.
.....
YOKOZUNA...!


IT'S ENOUGH. THERE IS NO NEED TO BECOME IRRITATED BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
I'M SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET DECENT RESULTS IN HIGH-SCHOOL LEVEL SUMO.
YOU ARE NOT WEAK.
... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU TRY SO HARD.
.. JUST ONE MORE MATCH.../
THAT'S ALL I ASK...

I'M THE SAME AS YOU. ...
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH...!
... THAT'S...

I WANT TO BECOME THE YOKOZUNA!
THAT'S MY REASON!!
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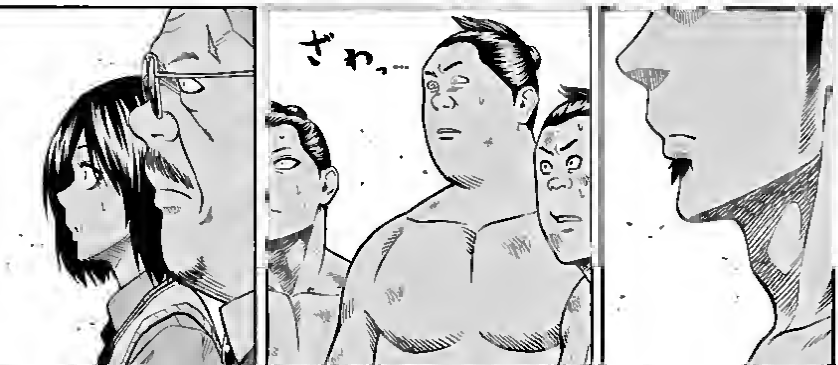
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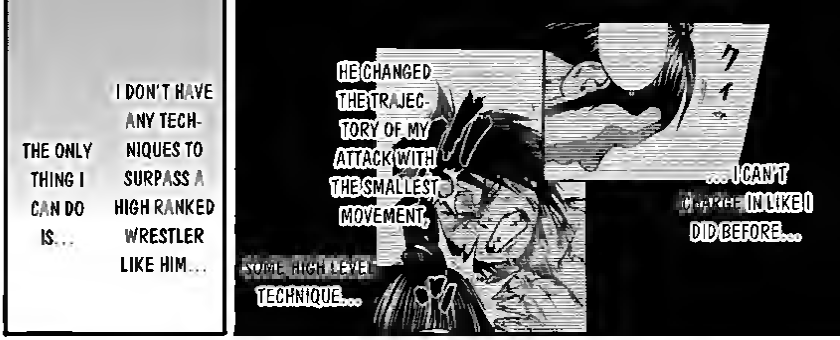
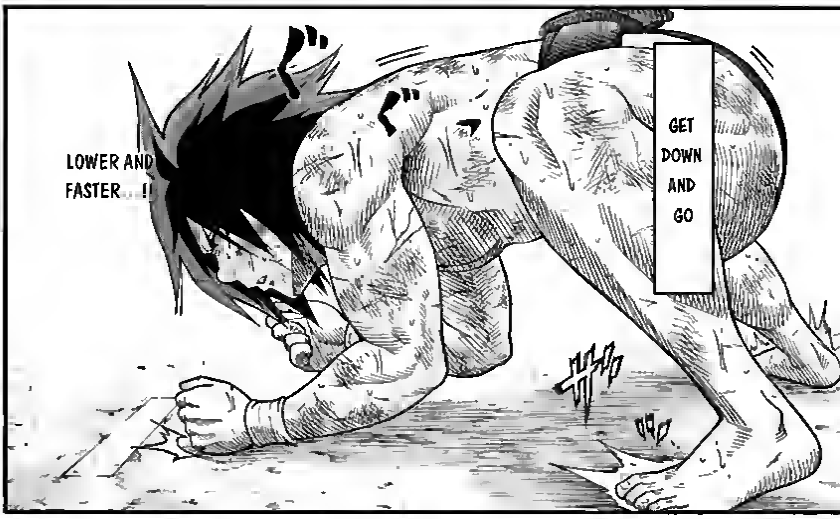
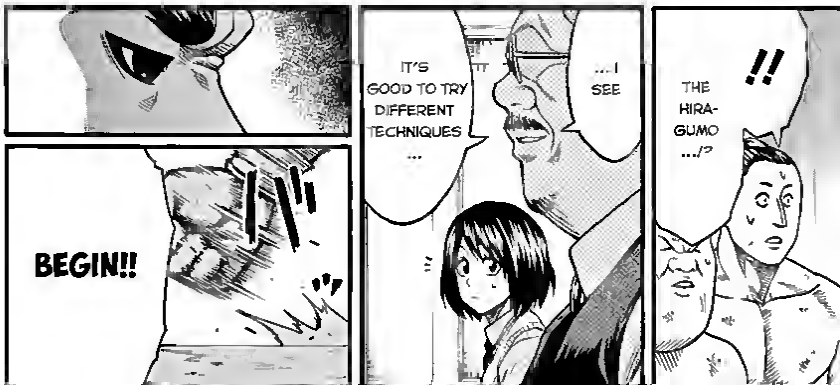
THAT THE "YOKOZUNA" YOU ASPIRE TO BE IS THE SAME AS THE YOKOZUNA I SPEAK OF
WHO, WITH THE RIGHT BODY AND KNOWS WHAT THE TITLE TRULY IMPLIES...?
... THE SAME
THEN TELL ME, WHY DO YOU THINK
... AND YOU EVEN HAVE THE HEIGHT PROBLEM...
ANYONE WHO ENTERS THIS WORLD EMBRACES THAT DREAM, YET...
THEY HESITATE TO EXPRESS IT BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEIR PLACES...
— THIS IS BAD, USHIO-KUN !
FINE
FOR ANOTHER MATCH...
YOU ASKED

. . ANYWAYS, THE WORDS YOU HAVE SO LIGHTLY JUST SPROUTED ARE NOTHING MORE THAN AN INSULT TO ALL THE WRESTLERS IN PROFESSIONAL SUMO.
OR...
... MAYBE YOU THINK ONE DAY YOU WILL GROW TALLER...
I WILL CUT OFF THAT...
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD TO STOP SEEING IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS.
LINGERING ATTACHMENT YOU HAVE TOWARD PROFESSIONAL SUMO WITH THE NEXT MATCH.
THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE . . !
TO GRASP THE HINT TO EVOLVE
I CAN'T WAVER HERE...!
I CAME HERE
...!
THAT IS NOT THE EXPRESSION HE HAS DURING TRAINING... HE'S DEAD SERIOUS...!
SHOULD WE STOP HIM...!?
UH... HE...!

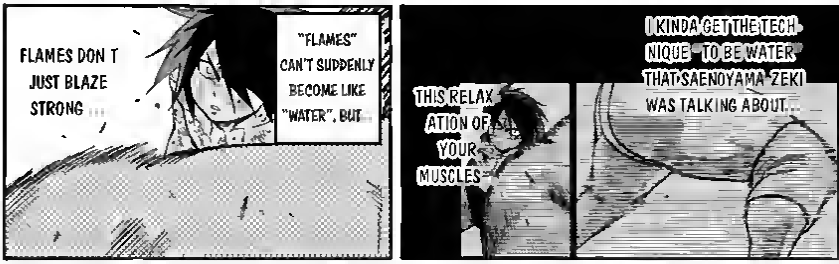

I DON'T HAVE ANY TECHNIQUES TO SURPASS A HIGH RANKED WRESTLER LIKE HIM...
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS...
HE CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF MY ATTACK WITH THE SMALLEST MOVEMENT.
SOME HIGH LEVEL TECHNIQUE...
... I CAN'T [illegible] IN LIKE I DID BEFORE...


LOWER AND FASTER...!!
GET DOWN AND GO


BEGIN!!
IT'S GOOD TO TRY DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES ...
...I SEE
THE HIRAGUMO ...!?
!!

*SLAPPING THE OPPONENT WITH THE OPEN HAND

BUT THANKS TO THAT...
CUZ I WENT THROUGH SEVERAL TENS OF ROUNDS I COULDN'T USE MY STRENGTH FULLY...
DID HE USE HIS KNEES AS A CUSHION TO ABSORB THE IMPACT...!?
THIS FEEDBACK


FLAMES DON'T JUST BLAZE STRONG...
"FLAMES" CAN'T SUDDENLY BECOME LIKE "WATER", BUT...
THIS RELAXATION OF YOUR MUSCLES...
I KINDA GET THE TECHNIQUE "TO BE WATER" THAT SAENOYAMA ZEKI WAS TALKING ABOUT...

WHAT IS THIS...? IT'S NOT JUST HIS BRUTE FORCE...
LIKE A MAGNET...
AND BURN!!
THEY WAVER

HIS HAND
IS GONNA REACH THE LOINCLOTH...!!
COULD IT BE THAT
THE THING YOU WERE AIMING FOR WAS...
..... SANOYAMA-ZEKI IS AN OPPONENT THAT KIRHITO ARRANGED FOR ME.
HE IS A FIRST RATE SPARRING PARTNER
I WILL WIN...!
IF I DON'T, THERE'S NO KUSANAGI OR INTERHIGH.
AND THE ROAD TO PRO OR THE YOKOZUNA IS SHUT FOREVER...!!
HERE I COME...

SOMETHING IS COMING! FROM BELOW
THIS IS BAD!!
AAAA AAH
I'LL DEVOUR YOU
AND RISE TO THE SUMMIT.
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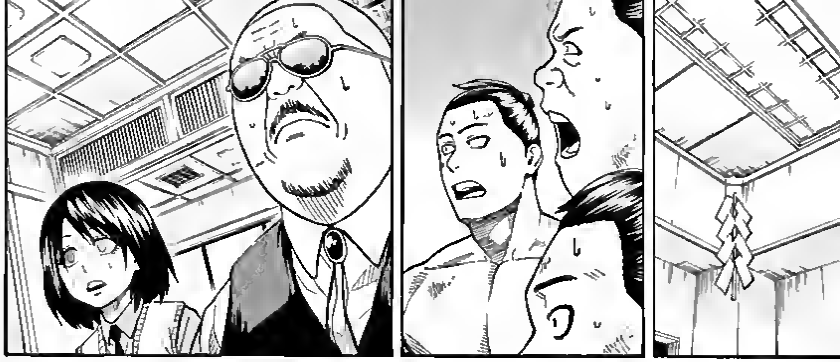

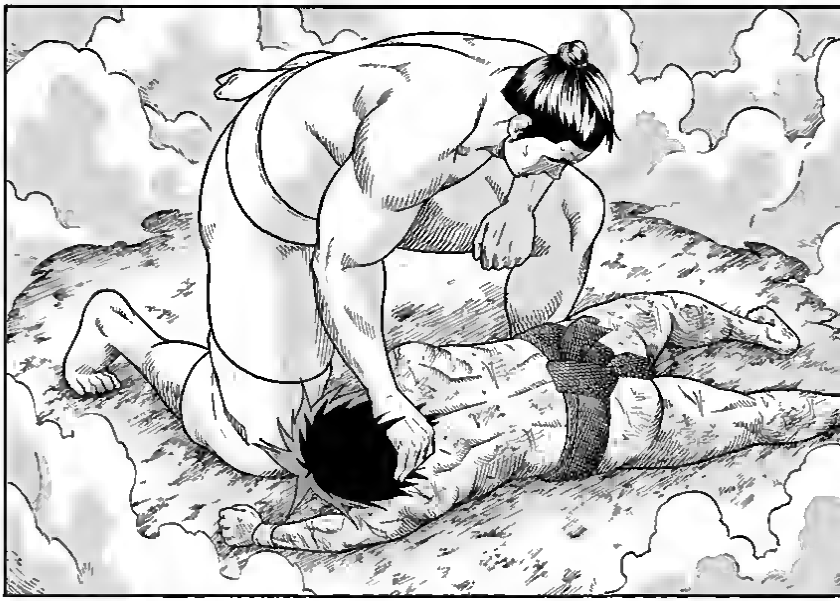

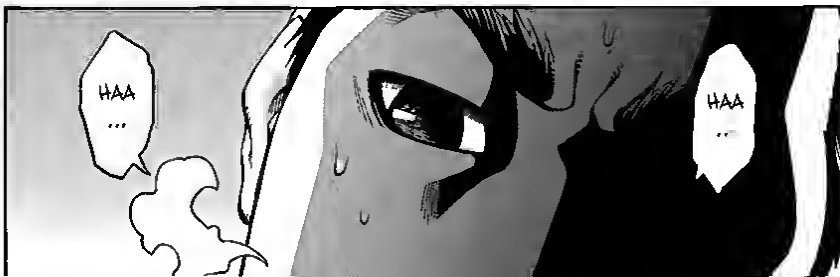
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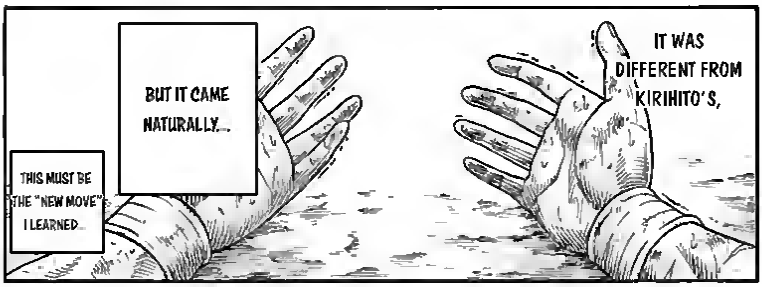
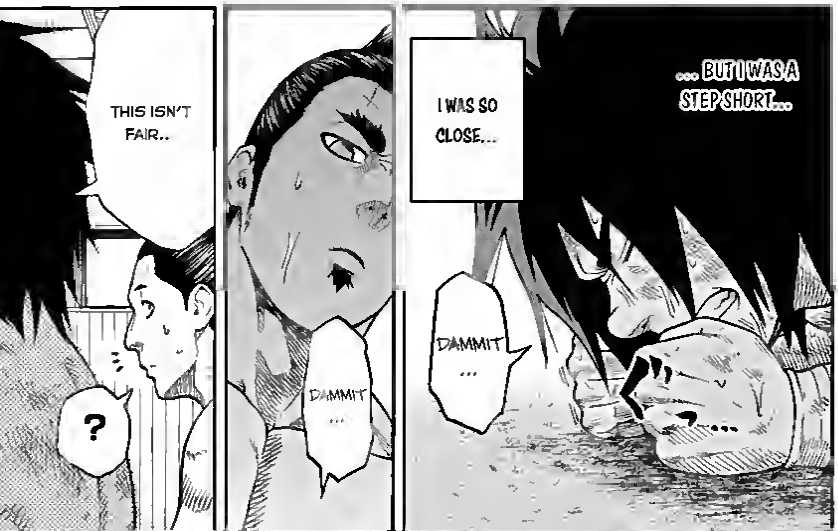
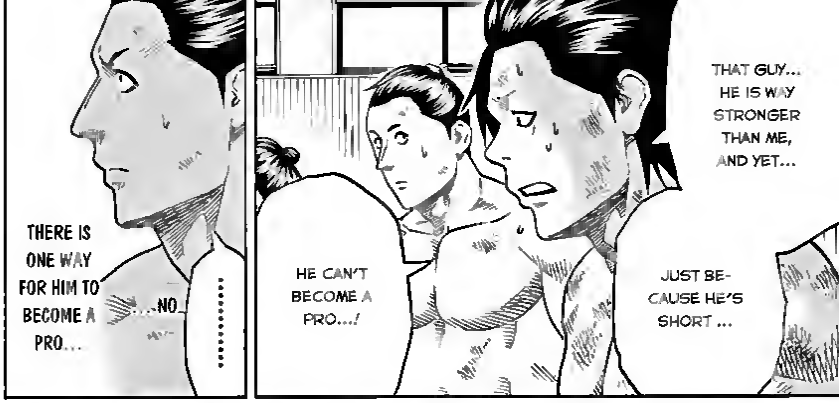
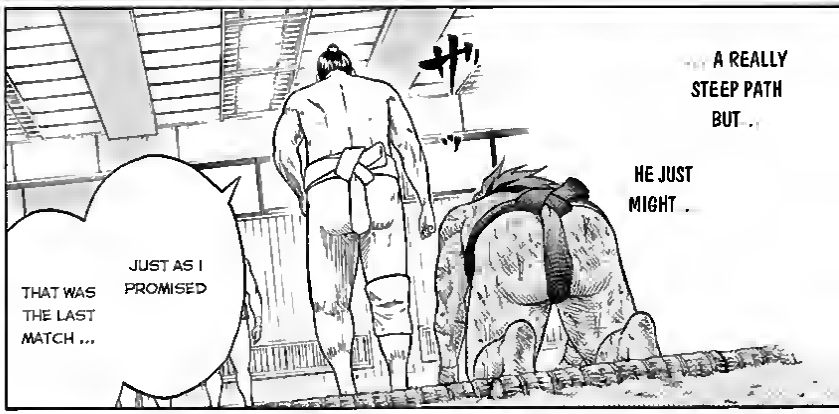
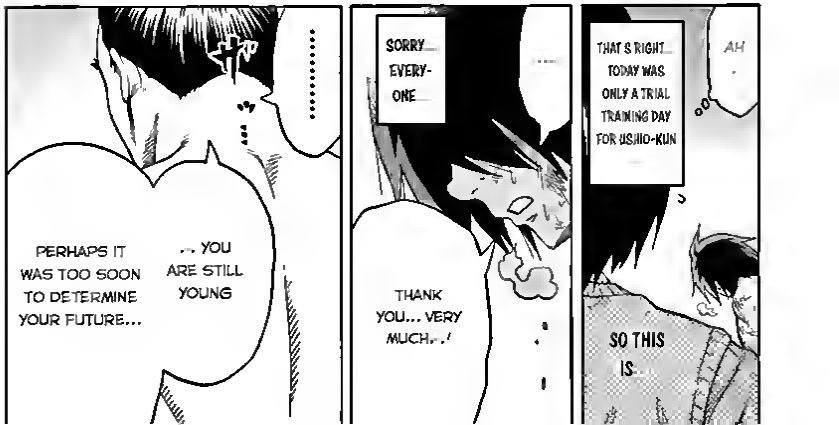
.. MY BODY MOVED BY ITSELF..
. . USHIO-KUN WAS THE FIRST TO TOUCH THE GROUND, BUT
HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MAKE HIS OPPONENT S KNEEL.. !!


IT WAS DIFFERENT FROM KIRIHITO'S,
BUT IT CAME NATURALLY...
THIS MUST BE THE "NEW MOVE" I LEARNED..

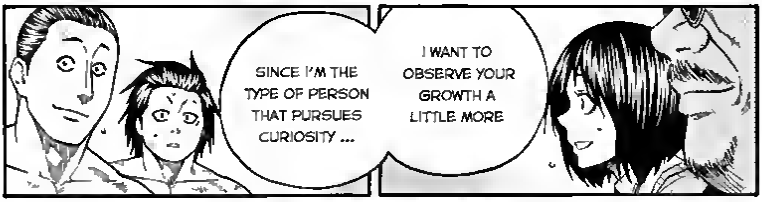

... BUT I WAS A STEP SHORT...
I WAS SO CLOSE...
DAMMIT ...
THIS ISN'T FAIR..
DAMMIT ...
?


THERE IS ONE WAY FOR HIM TO BECOME A PRO...
.....NO.....
HE CAN'T BECOME A PRO...!
JUST BE-CAUSE HE'S SHORT ...
THAT GUY... HE IS WAY STRONGER THAN ME, AND YET...


THAT WAS THE LAST MATCH ...
JUST AS I PROMISED
HE JUST MIGHT .
... A REALLY STEEP PATH BUT ..


PERHAPS IT WAS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE...
... YOU ARE STILL YOUNG
SORRY... EVERY-ONE...
THANK YOU... VERY MUCH...!
THAT'S RIGHT... TODAY WAS ONLY A TRIAL TRAINING DAY FOR USUIO-KUN
AH .
SO THIS IS

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TRAINING
COME HERE TOMORROW.


SINCE I'M THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT PURSUES CURIOSITY ...
I WANT TO OBSERVE YOUR GROWTH A LITTLE MORE

I'M IN YOUR HANDS!!
THOUGH NOT COMPLETE YET, TODAY WAS A GREAT STEP FORWARD!!
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HINOMARU ZUMOU ... ROUND 43 / END